

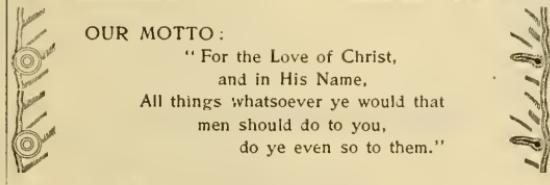
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PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
THIRTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING
HELD AT
MULBERRY STREET METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
WILLIAMSPORT, PA.,
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24—OCTOBER 30, 1894.

THE thirteenth Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church convened in Mulberry Street Methodist Episcopal Church, Williamsport, Pa., Wednesday morning, October 24th, at 9.30 o'clock. The President, Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk, after calling the general officers to the platform, conducted the devotional exercises. The 34th Psalm was read, and Mrs. D. A. Minard, of Buffalo, N. Y., led in an earnest prayer. "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow," was sung, and the Apostles' Creed recited.

After singing "Blest be the tie that binds," Mrs. Colonel Springer, of Anamosa, Iowa, in poetic speech, presented the President with a gavel, made from the floor of Libby Prison. In accepting the gift, Mrs. Fisk stated that, with two gavels—one of wood, from the home of Washington, and one part of a building made sacred by the men who suffered for the salvation of the Nation—she hoped to maintain order in a body of women organized for their country's good.

Miss C. J. Hoag, preceptress of Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport, in welcoming the Convention on behalf of the ladies, said :

In the valley-land of the Alleghanies, where the treacherous Susquehanna creeps onward to the sea, there rises a modern city justly known to fame as "the Convention stronghold of the Keystone State." Beautiful in her situation; phenomenal in the development of natural resources; genuinely cultured in her home-life; broadly Christian in her philanthropy,—such is Williamsport, which, on this October morning, bids you welcome to her churches and her hearthstones. Three times in thirty years the waves and the billows have indeed passed over her. Three times has she risen above disaster that seemed well-nigh appalling. Yet our city is not dead to-day, but rather enthused with new energy in all that constitutes her civic and religious life. . . .

The resident women of our denomination in this city will take you to their hearts in this coming week as if you were their very own; and I am sure you can but love them. Most enthusiastically, most harmoniously, have they planned your coming. The care of the slightest detail has been their highest pleasure; and if the thirteenth Annual Meeting is not hospitably entertained, it will be a fault of the head, not of the heart. Most ably have their workers been generalized by one long known throughout our city as a valuable chairman for any executive committee. Whatever may be your wants while you tarry with us, I should advise you, as a friend, to apply to Mrs. Crawford. She will serve you wisely and well. May the good Father grant that in these coming days you may touch all our lives in richest blessing, and that the women of Williamsport Methodism may be more truly Christ-like because of these hours in heavenly places!

It is rightly claimed for Pennsylvania that she has been exceptionally fortunate in the class of men who have filled her governor's chair—in her Pollocks, her Pattisons, and her Curtins. The same fact is true regarding the three Presidents of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. Mrs. Hayes assumed these arduous duties when we needed her social prestige; when even our most godly bishops did not approve of us, and one of them even feared that the new Society was a logical sequence of unbalanced Western zeal. The mistress of Spiegel Grove, because of her unique personality and marked conservatism, created immediate confidence in the new Society. And when, on that June morning not many years ago, the dainty needle-work fell from her tired fingers, and she was dead, there was genuine sorrow throughout the women of Methodism. Mrs. Davis, the friend of her school-life and the intimate companion of mature years, became her natural successor, bringing to that office rare culture and a personal charm still fresh in memory. Under the shadow of a great grief, she labored until the Master called her; and one year ago, in Toledo, your hearts were again bleeding as you assembled for a second time without a chieftain. The indefatigable labors of Mrs. Fisk, through the heat of summer and the blasts of winter, have months ago vindicated the wisdom of your third choice. As a most worthy successor of two remarkable women, we deem ourselves honored, Mrs. President, in your coming to us. . . .

General officers, we rejoice also in your coming to us. None outside your little official circle can realize the peculiar burdens that are yours. In Mrs. Mendenhall we recognize a new but valued friend; in Mrs. Rust and Mrs. Aiken, those who have tended this dear little babe in her cradle, and who now, with these falling leaves, have turned their faces eastward to see her again in her young and blushing womanhood.

After an absence of nearly thirty-five years, the editor of our paper returns to her seminary home, where she lived and labored. Mrs. McCabe, the memory of Miss Calista Clark is still fragrant throughout our city. Your girls are matrons now, and their daughters, even sweeter than the maids you loved, now climb the seminary hill, dreaming meantime, even as their mothers did, love's young, sweet dream. Wifehood and motherhood have brought to them gray hairs; but their hearts are young, and they love you still. In their behalf, I bid you welcome.

It seems to us as if the sainted lips of Mrs. Goff, even as of old, must speak to us this morning; yet who would call her back from glory-land? Wealth and culture came to her, and she used them for the Master, recognizing her stewardship to Him who had redeemed her. Few indeed have touched so many lives in blessing. . . . And so the workers are going home silently one by one, Miss Williams and Mrs. Wright from the very portals of Mulberry Street, but the general work must still go on. The closing years of the present century are settling the problem of America's future. God grant that we who constitute the *personnel* of the Woman's

Home Missionary Society, that we who represent the Church of the masses, may see our individual responsibility this day as we have never done before! Through every hour of this coming week may the holy, life-giving Spirit rest upon us in pentecostal power! Then will guest and hostess alike remember the Williamsport Annual Meeting as marking a distinct epoch in their Christian lives. Mrs. President, general officers, delegates and guests, once again we would give you our heartiest welcome.

"All hail the power of Jesus' name" was sung, followed by greetings by Rev. B. C. Conner, who rejoiced in his good fortune to be the pastor of the Church at this time, and welcomed this organization because it stands for patriotism of the highest order, for prohibition of the liquor-traffic, for the elevation of the home, and the uplifting of the poor and destitute. He was glad of the information to be given, and for the spiritual blessing that must attend those who come by the leading of the Holy Spirit, and trusted that in return the same spiritual blessing might be given the Convention. Rev. E. J. Grey, D. D., president of Dickinson Seminary, spoke of the educational advantages of Williamsport, and believed that this Society represented religious education among the people. He rejoiced in the ability of women to acquire and impart knowledge. He was followed by the mayor of Williamsport, Hon. W. G. Elliot, who welcomed the ladies to the city and its hospitable homes. Mrs. Dr. George Edward Reed, President of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Central Pennsylvania Conference, gave graceful and hearty words of greeting in behalf of the women of the Conference.

The response to these addresses of welcome was made by Mrs. McCabe, and much interest was felt by many in the audience, because this lady had formerly held the position of preceptress in the Williamsport Seminary, and was thus well known in the city. After informal remarks, suggested by the addresses just made, and a reference to the delightful years once spent in Williamsport and the changes in the intervening years, she read a carefully prepared address, of which the following are extracts:

It is with no ordinary pleasure that I accept the honor of representing this body of Christian women in response to the delightful expressions of welcome from your hospitable city.

These sisters will forgive me if, having chosen me to voice their gratitude, I prove unable to give any adequate measure of what they feel.

The consciousness of this inability, while it somewhat diminishes my pleasure, does not prevent my seizing the opportunity to say at the beginning how glad I am personally to be here. I am sure each would like to rise and say the same for herself. . . .

I can not but linger to note the changes the few brief years have wrought since I left this place. You will forgive me if I seem to be personal, since the facts relate to us all as women—facts which show a remarkable change in the attitude of women to public interests in the last thirty years.

It was here I first participated in missionary work. As secretary of an association of women, known as the Ladies' Missionary Society, of which the sainted mother of Dr. Crooks, of Drew Theological Seminary, was president, it was one of my duties to prepare an annual report to be read at the Church missionary anniversary. Dr. Bowman (now Bishop Bowman) said I must make it long—as much like an address as a report could be. This report he read annually from the platform while I sat with burning

face in the audience, not altogether sure that it was the proper thing for a woman to appear, even by proxy, before a public audience.

What a change do we now behold! How significant the scene of to-day!

I am reminded of Jacob of old. You remember how he, returning after years of absence, said: "With my staff alone I passed over this Jordan, and now I am become two bands." Yes, with the rest of you, I am now rich in two bands—our Leah and Rachel—mothers of a people as the stars of heaven for multitude in all lands.

First, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society—dear old mother—twenty-five years old. She is the one who taught us all how to behave in public. How tenderly she coaxed us out of our objections, commanded our timidity, and showed us how to manage that doubtful problem, the reluctant brethren!

Then, in the fullness of time, the spirit of prophecy being inherent in this Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, she saw with divine sagacity, and said: "We need to strengthen Jerusalem—our own glorious home country. The walls are being broken down; armies of the aliens are crowding upon her with their idolatrous ways. They are destroying our Sabbaths; they are taking away our defenses; they are robbing and killing on all our borders; our children are given to the destroyer. Let there, then, be no 'dearth of woman's prayers, no dearth of woman's tears' for the 'hurt of the daughter of my people.'"

And so this "spirit of prophecy" sent us out another band, smaller—little Rachel's smaller family. And here we are—happy indeed to come at your bidding—here, to discuss plans of good-will and aid to our native land under the classic shadow of Dickinson Seminary. I want to say that forty-six years this seminary has been training young men and young women to the best ideals of scholarship; training them to be valuable citizens; impressing on many bright minds the divine image and super-scription; sending them forth to make this dark world light. And I wish to remind this Convention of my sisters, how fitting it is that a Home Missionary Society should meet in a State which William Penn made illustrious by his policy toward the aborigines of this country. Substantial old Pennsylvania! Beautiful Williamsport! How well its superior though unpretentious hospitality is known! Its intelligence, its refinement, its kindness, are old-time proverbs, you, my sisters of the Convention, will have an opportunity to emphasize.

We have come to your "hearts, and your halls, and your sweet mountain air," that you may see us and know us and love us, if not for ourselves, "for love of Christ and in his name."

I am very proud of this band here present to-day—of both bands. Of both, it is good for one to say with little Gloriana's joy, "I am in it!" because of what you give, and more, far more, for what you get. Let me introduce you to our Convention.

First. Our Conference Secretaries. If all are here, they number seventy-five. Some of them have crossed the continent, many from long distance—all from long and earnest work. They are weary, and appreciate this multiplied, many-sided welcome to this magnificent valley.

These Secretaries are skillful manipulators of finance. They study honest diplomacy for the highest ends. They propose to make Home Missions tell in the kingdom of God. They will succeed. And why? For many reasons, but I have only time for one: They will succeed because they have a heredity; how long before Eve, let scientists decide; but for six thousand years their mothers have been a committee of ways and means on the problems of domestic life, making daily numberless ends meet—six thousand years securing, at any and all odds, human comfort, human happiness, and three meals a day! What competence for affairs; what results does such an heredity entail!

And here are our Bureau Secretaries in the same illustrious line of birth. You will comprehend the outcome of six thousand years' discipline and training when you hear them talk. From these you will learn what and where are the mission fields of this Society.

And so fully is each Bureau Secretary impressed with the importance and needs of her own particular Bureau, that words will flow apace; and unless you are fortified by previous and general knowledge of the fields, the Secretary you last hear will bear away your heart and judgment.

Of the same long heredity are pre-eminently the members of the General Executive Board, who are here with you. Upon the Corresponding Secretary a double portion has descended, and no one doubts that the Recording Secretary and Treasurer are in the six thousand years' category.

We have wondered, as we have looked back and around us, and beheld how women have evidently been raised up for our work of God.

We are not all here. There are some of us you will not see this side the pearly gates,—members of our Board we thought we could not spare. They went away in the days of their usefulness. One, most efficient and beloved, just left us with the flowers of May.

Twice we have lost our head. God, who gave us our good Mrs. Hayes, knows better than we, who knew it well, how faithfully she tried to serve the interests of our country's poor and degraded. The divine patience, the loveliness, the ability of her successor, Mrs. Davis, no less God-given, can not be forgotten. The vast spaces around us are not vacant. We need only to have our senses opened to see and hear a glorious throng. And are not those, so long and deeply interested while in the body—are they not with us? Will they not help us still?

While we recall the departed, we rejoice in our head to-day—our President of a year's standing. Manifold in labors, instant in season and out of season for our interests, we trust and believe she, too, is God-given, as he has wonderfully helped us hitherto. We hold her in the warm grasp of our prayers, hoping for many long years of blessed service—service so comforting to a lonely heart.

She will aid you in the duty of "speeding the parting guest," by urging our heavy business promptly on parliamentary lines. She is a four-square woman, and no doubt all her belongings and surroundings and doings are four-square; a model, therefore, and an inspiration to the women and the homes, which to elevate and adorn is the object of the Society she represents. Always on time, always in order, how great a portion of the heredity of six thousand managing, contriving years has descended upon her shoulders!

"Five rows of grapes from the sunny side of my vineyard." That was the contribution of a native Christian of Asia Minor to the erection of a new church. Five rows God has taken within the last thirty years from the sunny side of the human race, contributions of workers to build his kingdom.

The Presbyterian women, the Baptist women, the Episcopalian women, the Quaker women (Friends), the Methodist women, all in orderly, fruitful rows, God's special rows, set to meet the emergencies of this end of the age!

Dangerous emergencies! An eminent citizen addressing Miss Willard, said: "You are needed in this country. Dangers press upon us. Every earnest soul, every friend of humanity, must now rally to the front." And what a strength is that great polyglot home missionary organization, the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, to our five Home Missionary Societies!

Thus I have showed you the Convention you have so abundantly welcomed.

We are women interested in the absorbing social and economic prob-

lens of the day. For the solution of these, we see no light but the light of the Cross; we have no expectation but of God.

Threatening clouds hang upon our horizon; and though many of our princes have not "wisdom and understanding to keep the law" of God and man, still "God is known in our palaces as our refuge and strength. God is in the midst of us. We shall not be moved. God shall help us, and that right early." For, in connection, follows the sure promise from the Psalmist's pen: "There is a river that shall make glad the city of God." City of God—America, the light and hope of all heathen, of all people. When this divine river flows, America will be glad; and when America is glad in the Lord, the whole earth shall rejoice.

For that are we here to-day,—the Woman's Home Missionary Society,—one of the little rills which feeds the river which shall make glad the city of God.

The Recording Secretary, Mrs. F. A. Aiken, called the roll of the Conferences, and the delegates took the seats assigned them.

On motion of Mrs. William Burris, of Washington, D. C., greetings were ordered sent to the General Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, in session at Washington, D. C.

On motion, the program of exercises and order of business was adopted as printed and submitted to the Convention.

On motion of Mrs. Aiken, Mrs. M. T. Carey was appointed to represent the Cincinnati Conference Society, in the absence of its delegate.

On motion, Mrs. Wm. Burris, of Washington, was appointed to represent the Colorado Conference; Mrs. H. C. Hedges, the Upper Mississippi Conference; Mrs. W. L. Boswell, the Philadelphia Conference; Mrs. A. V. P. Adams, the North Nebraska Conference; and Mrs. Edward Squires, the Indiana Conference.

Mrs. Aiken nominated the following ladies as Assistant Secretaries during the Convention, and, on motion, they were confirmed: Mrs. B. S. Potter, Bloomington, Ill.; Mrs. E. L. Albright, Delaware, O.; Mrs. H. C. Garrison, Cranbury, N. J.; and Mrs. E. B. Green, Rochester, N. Y.

The following visiting clergymen were introduced: Rev. A. S. Baldwin and Rev. Mr. Phronefelter.

The report of the General Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. R. S. Rust, was then presented. A careful survey of the work gave great cause for encouragement. She congratulated the Society on the fact that, despite the financial stringency, all the appropriations of the Society had been met. She called attention to the changing conditions of the country, and the fact that the cities would, in the near future, be the chief centers of work. A plea was made for more energetic work in the matter of organization. Corrections were made to the report, and, on motion, it was adopted, and ordered printed in pamphlet form for immediate distribution.

The President, Mrs. Fisk, referred to the illness of Mrs. Jane Bancroft Robinson, and, on motion of Mrs. Potter, a telegram of sympathy and condolence was ordered sent.

The report of the Treasurer, Mrs. J. W. Mendenhall, was presented and adopted, with a rising vote of thanks. This report showed the total receipts of the fiscal year, ending July 15th, to be \$82,756.94; total expenditures, \$75,552.14.

Mrs. May Leonard Wells was appointed to take charge of the music. Announcements were made, a verse of "Blessed be the Name" was sung, and the Convention adjourned, after the benediction by Rev. A. S. Baldwin.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

THE Convention was called to order at 2 o'clock by the President, Mrs. Fisk. The devotional exercises were in charge of Mrs. Samuel Hamilton, of Pittsburg. "Nearer the Cross" was sung, and Mrs. Hamilton read the 25th chapter of Matthew, and offered prayer. The President repeated the beautiful couplet,

"Let me be tender when I touch the meanest name to Jesus dear,
Lest my rude hand inflict a wound where Jesus' mercy drops a tear."

The minutes of the morning session were called, and the Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Albright, was granted further time.

The Secretary, Mrs. Aiken, named the list of Committees to be appointed. These, on motion, were constituted as follows:

Committee on Enrollment.—Mrs. W. E. Drake and Mrs. A. W. Black, with power to add to its number, if desirable.

Committee on Church Press.—Mrs. T. L. Tomkinson, Mrs. F. A. Aiken, Mrs. W. G. Williams.

Committee on Resolutions.—Mrs. Sarah F. Palmer, Mrs. Wm. H. Pearce, Mrs. Richard Harcourt, Mrs. S. J. Turner, Mrs. E. E. Marcy.

Committee on Place of Meeting.—Mrs. Charles Scott, Mrs. E. E. Marcy, Mrs. Samuel Hamilton.

On motion, the number of this Committee was increased to five by the addition of Mrs. M. C. Hickman and Mrs. Mary Fisk Park.

On motion of Mrs. Potter, Mrs. May Leonard Wells was elected to represent the Illinois Conference as delegate.

Committee on By-laws.—Mrs. May Leonard Wells, Mrs. G. W. Mansfield, Mrs. W. G. Williams, Mrs. N. M. Brown, Mrs. O. J. Squires.

Committee on Finance and Mission-fields.—In accordance with By-law No. 4, Section 1: The President, the Chairman of the General Executive Board, the Corresponding and Recording Secretaries, the Treasurer, the Secretaries of Bureaus, the Conference Secretaries, and Mesdames H. C. Hedges, J. Hartwell, E. M. Wheeler, G. W. Mansfield, Ellen F. Tomkinson.

Mrs. W. G. Williams, who has served so long and faithfully as Chairman of the Finance and Mission-field Committee, was unanimously elected to preside at its meetings.

The following ladies were elected to take the place of Corresponding Secretaries of Conferences not represented: Mrs. G. H. Thompson, to represent the Kentucky; Mrs. D. A. Minard, the St. Louis; Mrs. H. B. Ridgeway, the Northwest Nebraska; Mrs. B. F. Dimmick, the Southern Illinois; Mrs. H. C. Paist, the Northwest Indiana; and Mrs. George E. Reed, the Southern California Conference.

The Local Committee—Miss C. J. Hoag, Mrs. B. C. Conner, Mrs. T. S. Wilcox, Mrs. M. C. Piper, Mrs. S. B. Evans, Mrs. S. J. Gray, Mrs. G. D. Penepacker, Mrs. A. S. Bowman, and Mrs. J. H. Daugherty, the result of whose work was so apparent and satisfactory—was most heartily confirmed as a Committee on Courtesies.

Mrs. T. L. Tomkinson, Chairman of the Committee on Plan for Conference Unions, stated that two members of the Committee were not in attendance upon the Convention—Mrs. L. P. Williams, of California, and Mrs. D. L. Brown, of Rhode Island.

Mrs. Alexander Branley moved that the Committee make nominations to fill these vacancies on the floor of the Convention, and that they be elected by this body.

Mrs. Potter offered as a substitute that the Committee fill the vacancies, selecting, as far as possible, ladies representing the territory of the absent members of the Committee. By vote the substitute was lost. The original motion was then carried.

On motion of Mrs. Tomkinson, Mrs. H. C. McCabe, of Delaware, O., and Mrs. D. A. Minard, of Buffalo, N. Y., were nominated and elected to fill the vacancies.

On motion of Mrs. Rust, the New England delegation was allowed to name a representative for this Committee.

The minutes of the morning session were then read by Mrs. E. L. Albright, corrected, and adopted.

On motion of Mrs. Simpson, Mrs. O. J. Squires was elected to represent the Puget Sound Conference,

The Convention then joined heartily in singing two verses of "Standing on the Promises of God," after which the report of the Bureau for Alaska was called. The Secretary of the Bureau, Mrs. H. M. Teller, of Washington, was ably represented by Mrs. Clara L. Roach, of Washington, who, after presenting Mrs. Teller's greetings and regrets, read the report prepared by the Secretary of the Bureau. Great interest was manifested as she portrayed the need and possibilities for work, and the efficiency and sacrifices of Mr. and Mrs. Tuck. The Secretary recommended that an effort be made to establish a school for boys, which, it is urged, would soon be self-supporting. In response to a question, Mrs. Roach stated that \$50 would support a girl for one year. The following pledges were then made for the support of girls in the school: Mrs. Hamilton, for one Auxiliary in the Pittsburg Conference, \$50; Mrs. M. C. Hickman for Mrs. Wyatt, of Bedford, O., \$100; for East Ohio Conference, \$50; Mrs. J. P. Negus, for Northwest Iowa Conference, \$50; Mrs. Floyd, for New England Southern Conference, \$50; Mrs. A. V. P. Adams, for Southeast Indiana Conference, \$50; and Mrs. E. C. Elmer, for Vermont Conference, \$50. Mrs. Isabella Spurlock stated that two little Alaskan girls had been given to Mrs. Faulkner for the Mothers' Jewels Home, but that it would require \$50 to transport the children to the Home. At the suggestion of the President, this matter was postponed until the interests of the Mothers' Jewels Home could be presented, and the pledges were then continued: Mrs. James Tregaskis, for New England

Southern Conference, \$50; Mrs. J. Hartwell, for Wyoming Conference, \$50; Mrs. M. H. Davis, for Central Ohio Conference, \$50; Mrs. Sarah F. Palmer, for Maine Conference, \$50; Mrs. G. M. Curl, for New Hampshire Conference, \$50; Mrs. E. B. Green, for Genesee Conference, \$50; Mrs. B. S. Potter, for Illinois Conference, \$50; Mrs. L. H. Bunyan, for North Indiana Conference, \$50; and Mrs. I. D. Jones, for Cincinnati Conference, \$50. Total, \$950, for the support of nineteen girls.

Mrs. Wells spoke of an excellent paper she had heard upon Alaska in the New England Conference, and asked that the ladies be invited to have this printed in leaflet form.

Mrs. Rust emphasized the importance of work for the boys in Alaska, saying that no right companionship could be secured unless the boys and girls had opportunities alike for advancement.

On motion of Mrs. Roach, Mrs. Teller's recommendation for a boys' school was referred to the Committee on Finance and Mission-field.

Mrs. T. J. Everett stated that the fact that Alaska was not so densely populated had been urged as a strong argument for work; that the country could be commanded and controlled by the missionaries if proper effort were put forth.

Mrs. Hickman moved that the Committee appointed by this body to confer with the General Missionary Committee of the Church, be instructed to ask that work be established among the boys of Unalaska. The motion was carried.

The President, Mrs. Fisk, gave an interesting account of the last interview of our Special Committee with the General Missionary Committee, showing their full and ready acquiescence to our wishes with reference to the Alaskan work.

On motion, the report of the Bureau for Alaska was accepted.

The report of the Bureau for New Mexico and Arizona (*Spanish*) was presented by the Secretary, Mrs. Anna Kent. The paper was full of interest, portraying that important field with great faithfulness. The pressing need is the building at Albuquerque. The President, Mrs. Fisk, stated that a Presbyterian friend had placed in her hands the sum of \$500, to be disposed of in the interests of the Society and in accordance with her own judgment. She pledged \$200 of this amount for a new building at Albuquerque. The following pledges were also made: Mrs. M. C. Hickman, for East Ohio Conference, \$100; Mrs. Potter, for the Illinois Conference, \$100; Mrs. J. I. Boswell, for Newark Conference, \$50; Mrs. Adams, for Southeast Indiana Conference, \$10; Mrs. L. Master, for Michigan Conference, \$10; Miss Cummings, for Erie Conference, \$50; Mrs. Green, for Genesee Conference, \$50; and Mrs. E. Squires, for Central Ohio Conference, \$50—\$20 of this amount to be given by the Auxiliary at Defiance, O.

Mrs. Mansfield, of New England Conference; Mrs. Maynard, of New York Conference; and others, pledged money to this work, but did not state definite amounts.

Mrs. Rust, in speaking of the efficiency of our missionary, Mrs. Webster, at Albuquerque, said she was at one time superintendent of Simpson Home,

Orangeburg, S. C. She married Rev. Dr. Webster, who went to his heavenly home in nine weeks after their marriage. She then consecrated her life to the cause of missions. She went to Chili, South America, under the self-supporting missionary plan of work, and was preceptress of the school there for six years. She speaks, reads, prays, and sings in four languages. She is a cultured Christian lady, and will do us most excellent service.

The President, Mrs. Fisk, stated that the Secretary of the Bureau had not spared her own funds to advance the work; that a brick, not a frame, building must be erected. Architects had given their services in submitting the plan, the estimated cost of which is \$7,500 for one, and \$5,500 for another plan; but one party could probably be secured to do the work for \$5,000, guaranteed to be paid on the completion of the building, and that the difference in the cost would be a donation to the Society. On motion, the report was adopted.

Two verses of "There is a fountain filled with blood" were sung, after which the report of the Bureau for New Mexico and Arizona (*Indian*) was called. The Secretary, Mrs. Simpson, desired further time, which was granted.

The time for adjournment being passed, on motion of Mrs. Everett, the time was extended thirty minutes.

Mrs. James Dale, Secretary of the Bureau for Supplies, submitted a report which commanded close attention. She especially urged that Conference Secretaries of Supplies put themselves, immediately after election, in communication with their Auxiliaries; and that Auxiliaries do not wait until they have an order for supplies before they begin to gather articles for distribution. On motion, the report was adopted.

Mrs. J. I. Boswell offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That at least one session of this Annual Meeting be devoted to the consideration of practical questions bearing directly on the work of our Conference organizations. (Signed by Mesdames J. I. Boswell, Wm. E. Draper, G. W. Mansfield, May Leonard Wells, T. J. Everett, M. B. Stevens, M. Dailey, Jr., L. W. Staple, S. H. Floyd, S. F. Palmer, M. R. Boswell, H. S. C. Garrison, and J. S. Turner.)

On motion, this was amended as follows:

"That the meeting be an executive session, and that to-morrow, Thursday, from four to five, be fixed as the time."

The amendment was accepted, and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Greeting to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, in session at Washington, and sympathy to Mrs. Robinson, reported, through Mrs. Burris, as follows:

"To the Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, in Foundry Methodist Episcopal Church, Washington, D. C.—**GREETINGS**:

"The world for Christ.

MRS. R. S. RUST,
MRS. WM. BURRIS."

"To MRS. JANE BANCROFT ROBINSON, Detroit, Mich., from the General Board of Managers, Wilbraham, Pa.—**GREETINGS**:

"Read the third chapter of John, second verse.

MRS. R. S. RUST,
MRS. WM. BURRIS."

The New England delegation nominated Mrs. T. J. Everett as their representative for the Committee on Plan for Conference Unions.

Mrs. Roach stated, by request, that there were nineteen girls in the Jesse Lee Home in Unalaska, and that the different Methodist Episcopal Churches in Washington City were supporting six.

On motion of Mrs. Springer, Mrs. Conner, wife of the pastor of Mulberry Street Church, was elected to represent the Columbia River Conference.

The Secretary, Mrs. Aiken, urged the Committees to organize and begin work as early as practicable.

Mrs. Dale stated that Mrs. W. M. Aupt, our efficient Railroad Secretary, is ill at her home, and that she had been qualified to take her place and sign all transportation tickets. She urged that all railroad certificates be placed in her hands by Friday noon.

After singing, the meeting adjourned, with the benediction by Rev. Dr. Gray.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

A MASS-MEETING was held in Mulberry Street Church, at which Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk presided. "O for a thousand tongues" was sung, and prayer was offered by Rev. B. C. Conner, after which the large audience joined in singing, "I love thy Church, O God."

"Mission-work in the South" was the theme for the excellent addresses given. Mrs. W. G. Williams portrayed in a series of word-pictures, as vivid as they were touching, the every-day life of the white girls in Ritter Home, Athens, Tennessee; and gave incidents showing the marked improvement noted in the pupils, and their appreciation of the opportunities for education.

Mrs. Dr. Reed, of Carlisle, Pa., favored the audience with a beautiful solo.

Mrs. E. L. Albright presented, in panoramic view, the history and work of the fourteen Industrial Homes for colored girls.

Mrs. R. S. Rust supplemented these addresses with an interesting account of the school for white girls at Clarkson, Miss., established three years ago, and successful in its mission.

Mrs. May Leonard Wells and Professor Black sang "Jesus, and shall it ever be," which was listened to with charmed attention.

The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Mr. Wilcox.

THURSDAY MORNING.

THE devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. W. E. Drake, President of Newark Conference Society. The hymn, "The praying spirit breathe," was announced, and Mrs. Wells requested that all take part in singing, so that our service may be worshipful. Mrs. Drake called attention to the

order of exercises for the day, and the special subject that would command the attention at this session. Her Bible lesson from 2 Corinthians, eighth chapter, first to the seventh verses inclusive, was followed by an earnest prayer. The Convention then joined in singing,

"Prayer is appointed to convey
The blessings God designs to give."

Mrs. Fisk said the singing gave her inspiration.

The minutes of the meeting of Wednesday afternoon were read by Mrs. Potter, and adopted.

Mrs. Aiken requested to be excused from the Committee on Church Press on account of urgent duties, and her request was granted.

Mrs. Rust presented a telegram of greeting from the Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, in session at Washington, D. C.:

"Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, in session, extend sisterly greetings: our heart is as your heart in the whole world for Christ."

"MRS. J. T. GRACEY, Secretary."

The Convention then joined in singing "Showers of Blessing."

Mrs. M. C. Hickman offered the appended resolutions:

First. That we earnestly request the early publication of the Annual Report; that it be not later than January 1, 1895. On motion, this was adopted.

Second. That reports of Conference Corresponding Secretaries be omitted from the Annual Report.

Mrs. Hickman explained that the Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary gave the substance of these Conference reports in their reports.

Mrs. Potter said, in opposition, that a superintendent of missions in Mexico had requested that we enlarge our Annual Report.

Mrs. Rust spoke of the personality that is represented in these reports, and is so desirable to preserve.

Mrs. Wells said these reports were valuable to her as organizer.

Mrs. Springer thought this question a vital one, the key to the interest in the work, and influential in bringing Conference Corresponding Secretaries to the Annual Meeting.

Mrs. Mansfield desired to know the expense of editing and publishing the Annual Report.

Mrs. Fisk replied \$200 for editing, and Mrs. Mendenhall stated \$800 for publishing.

Mrs. Fisk called Mrs. Aiken to the chair, that she might express her opinion, which was that these reports were very important, and were, in reality, our advertising medium; and as business in these days depends on advertising, she hoped to see the day when our reports could be enlarged.

Mrs. Albright spoke of their increased circulation this year.

Mrs. Garrison said these reports offered an opportunity to give an account of work not reported in the regular way.

This resolution was then voted in the negative.

The report of the Bureau for New Mexico and Arizona (*Indian*) was

presented by its Secretary, Mrs. E. W. Simpson, who made a plea for a school-building at Dulce, N. M.

Mrs. Fisk and Mrs. Rust urged the need of this work.

The following subscriptions were then made: Mrs. Hamilton, for Pittsburgh Conference, \$25; Mrs. Negus, for Northwest Iowa, \$25; Mrs. J. I. Boswell, for Newark, \$25; Mrs. Clara Roach, for Baltimore, \$25; Mrs. J. Hartwell, for Wyoming, \$25; Mrs. Curl, for New Hampshire, \$25; Mrs. Jones, for Cincinnati, \$25; Mrs. Hasting, for Wilmington, \$25; Mrs. Stapler, for New England, \$25; Mrs. Green, for Genesee, \$50; Mrs. N. S. Albright, for North Ohio, \$25; and Mrs. Adams, for Southeast Indiana, \$10; making a total of \$310. Mrs. Tomkinson, for Central Pennsylvania Conference, \$100 for superintendent's salary at this mission.

"Leaning on the everlasting arms" was then sung.

Mrs. Albright made a statement at this point of the meeting, that the \$200 allowed for editing the Annual Report was for clerical help. Mrs. Rust stated that the sum of \$380 was all she had paid for clerical help last year, and this was the largest amount ever paid. Mrs. Aiken said that she had done her own clerical work.

After singing "Jesus, the Light of the World," prayer was offered by Mrs. Williams, preliminary to the presentation of the report of the Committee on Plan for Conference Unions. The Chairman, Mrs. T. L. Tomkinson, spoke of the method of the Committee in preparing this plan; after which Mrs. E. L. Albright, the Secretary of the Committee, read the report.

A minority report was presented by Mrs. Roach, a member of this Committee, as follows:

I do not approve the plan of the Committee for Conference Unions, and dissent from the report.

Mrs. Hollister moved that we consider the plan item by item, which motion was waived to give place to the motion of Mrs. Everett:

That, in order to bring the subject properly before the Convention,
Resolved, That we change our plan of work, and adopt the plan for Conference Unions.

This motion was seconded by Mrs. I. D. Jones, for the *same reason* of bringing it before the body for discussion.

On motion of Mrs. Hickman, it was voted that speeches be limited to three minutes, and that no one be allowed to speak a second time until all who desired to express their views had spoken.

After remarks by ladies Park, Marcy, and Jones on the question of time, the motion prevailed.

Mrs. G. W. Mansfield spoke earnestly of the advantages of co-operation, and the dangers from localization.

"Rock of Ages" was then sung, and Mrs. Adams stated that Mrs. Mansfield had spoken for Southeast Indiana Conference.

Mrs. Bramley asked how many Conferences were represented in the Convention. In response, Mrs. Loomis stated that there were thirty-one.

Mrs. Simpson spoke of the inspiration of our Annual Meetings, as compared with meetings of a smaller body.

Mrs. Garrison asked that reasons for Conference Unions be stated.

Mrs. Alspaugh spoke in favor of Conference Unions. Mrs. Jones opposed the plan for Conference Unions on the ground of expense, and suggested that general officers could be relieved of heavy responsibilities by arranging for a receiving and disbursing treasurer, and providing for two corresponding secretaries—one to receive the reports from the Conference Corresponding Secretaries, and one from the superintendents of our homes and schools.

Mrs. Hollister arose to a question of privilege, asking that the Chairman of the Committee, Mrs. Tomkinson, speak to the question. This was seconded by Mrs. Roach, who added that each member of the Committee be included in this request. Carried.

The regular order was then suspended in favor of the introduction of Mrs. Dr. Gray, who invited the members of the Convention to be present at a reception, to be given at Dickinson Seminary, Friday evening, at 8 o'clock. This invitation was accepted with a rising vote of thanks.

Mrs. Palmer called a meeting of the Committee on Resolutions immediately after luncheon.

Mrs. Black, Chairman of the Committee on Enrollment, called a meeting of this Committee at the close of the session.

Mrs. Aiken, for Mrs. Wells, called a meeting of the By-law Committee immediately after luncheon.

Mrs. Charles Scott called a meeting of the Committee on Place of Meeting.

Mrs. Dale requested that certificates be immediately placed in her hands.

The report of the Committee on Transportation, Mrs. Ampt Secretary, was read by Mrs. Aiken, and, on motion, adopted.

Mrs. Aiken presented greetings of affection from Mrs. Ampt, after stating that she was detained at home by illness.

On motion of Mrs. Wells, Mrs. Potter was requested to send a letter of appreciation and sympathy to Mrs. Ampt.

Mrs. Rust called for a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Deaconess Work, to assemble on the platform after luncheon.

Rev. Mr. Conner, pastor of the Church, then pronounced the benediction.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

THE meeting was opened by Mrs. Wells leading in singing,

"Scatter sunshine all along your way;
Cheer and bless and brighten every passing day."

The President, Mrs. Fisk, occupied the chair.

Mrs. C. F. Springer conducted the devotional exercises, reading part of the 36th chapter of Exodus, and part of the 9th chapter of Acts, embodying the theme "good works," and concluded with an earnest prayer.

The Convention united in singing "My Jesus, I love thee."

The minutes of the morning meeting were read by Mrs. Garrison, corrected, and adopted.

Visiting ministers were introduced to the Convention as follows: Rev. G. D. Penepacker, Rev. G. W. Dunlap, Rev. G. M. Phronefelter, Rev. C. H. Campbell, Williamsport; Rev. J. A. Miller, Duboistown; and Rev. A. S. Bowman, Newberry, Pa.

Mrs. E. L. Albright called attention to the action of the Twelfth Annual Meeting, as found on page 21 of the Twelfth Annual Report, as follows:

"By request of Mrs. Clark, a motion was made that the Treasurer and Auditor be allowed to transfer to the General Fund such balances of special funds as may remain in the treasury after the purpose for which they were raised has been accomplished. Granted."

A note at the bottom of this page reads as follows:

"At a subsequent meeting of the General Executive Board, it was decided that it was not best that this transfer should be made."

Mrs. Albright asked that this action be ratified. On motion of Mrs. Wells, this request was granted.

The consideration of the report of the Committee on Plan for Conference Unions was then resumed.

On motion of Mrs. Albright, the Chairman of the Committee, Mrs. Tomkinson, was allowed as much time as she desired to speak on this subject, and other members were granted three minutes' time.

Mrs. J. I. Boswell moved that the Chairman of the Minority Report, Mrs. Roach, be granted the same privilege.

Mrs. Everett proposed the following amendment:

Resolved, That the dissenting member of the Committee have the same privilege.

And the amendment was voted in the affirmative.

Mrs. Tomkinson stated, as individual reasons for favoring the plan for Conference Unions, that it had been recommended by the General Executive Board; that the work of the Society needed to be readjusted to meet the changed conditions of things; that to create new centers of interest would divide the responsibility and work, and enlist more general co-operation, financial and otherwise. Mrs. Tomkinson thanked the ladies who had labored with her in the formation of this plan, whose work had been "for love of Christ and in his name," and concluded with the wish that whatever might be the outcome, God might be glorified.

Mrs. Rust stated that the recommendations of the General Executive Board did not represent the unanimous vote of its members, and recited the historical fact that it had been presented to the Annual Convention two years ago, then sent to Conference Societies, from whence it was submitted to the consideration of the last annual meeting of the Board of Managers, which constituted the present Committee.

Mrs. Roach rejoiced in the simplicity of the present plan of work, and, in the light of the success which had marked the progress of the Society, she thought it was stepping on dangerous ground to adopt a new plan, and that the time when the country was passing through a financial crisis was not the time to assume the great expense necessarily involved to effect Conference Unions. Mrs. Roach argued that instead of decreasing the responsibilities of the officers already burdened, additional duties would be imposed upon them by the formation of multiplied organizations; that this supreme body of the Society would be composed of a meager attendance; that the diffusion of information and the development of new workers would not be the consummation of the desires expressed by those favoring the plan; and that these proposed Union organizations would consume the time, already too limited for the work of soul-saving.

Mrs. Potter stated that she went into the Committee to study the *pros* and *cons* of the great question, and had decided in favor of Conference Unions, quoting to the doubtful Thomases the familiar and inspiring hymn, "Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take." The increase of workers would be followed by increase of influence, general and financial.

Mrs. Green said that when she was made a member of this Committee she began to study the matter, and became thoroughly converted to Conference Unions, and now believes that when they are established, our Society will take on new life, and its usefulness will be greatly increased.

Mrs. Negus, of the Northwest Iowa Conference, confessed to a burden of responsibility resting upon her as the representative of that section of our country west of the Mississippi, where Conference and District officers were pleading for Conference Unions. So earnestly did she plead, that an extension of time was granted her.

Mrs. Everett, of New England Conference, expressed the belief that there are already too many organizations in the Church, and the tendency should be toward centralization; that the present needs of our Society are public meetings of every Auxiliary, mass-meetings in churches, and joint-meetings of contiguous Conferences.

Mrs. McCabe said she had worked so long in the General Executive Board on this subject, that virtue had gone out of her, and no more speeches could she utter, but that she wanted to see strong centers created; and so earnest was her conviction as to the wisdom of the plan, that she referred to the time when the English contended for Calais and lost it; then Queen Mary said: "When I am dead you will find Calais written on my heart." Mrs. McCabe confessed that the word "Union" would be found inscribed upon her own heart.

Mrs. Minard loved the present plan of organization, and was praying for the Lord to guide.

The President, Mrs. Fisk, started "Guide me, O thou great Jehovah," which was heartily sung by the ladies.

The time for adjournment having come, on motion of Mrs. Hickman, the time was extended to continue the subject under discussion.

Mrs. E. L. Albright took the platform, and proposed to divide a smile

which suffused her face at the realization of the inconsistency between the chart of Conferences Unions and the word "welcome" upon the overshadowing background. She stated that she had, in her position as Secretary of the Committee, assumed the duties of record and explanation, and in conclusion read the paper sent to the Conference Secretaries, recommending Conference Unions, and signed by the General Corresponding Secretary.

In recognition of a question submitted by Mrs. Roach, to elicit a personal opinion from Mrs. Albright, she replied that she did not wish to express an opinion at that time, but when the time for balloting came it would be made known.

Mrs. Rust explained that the recommendation read was only an expression given to come before this body.

By permission of the Convention, Mrs. Tomkinson read portions of a letter received from Mrs. L. P. Williams, a member of this Committee, representing the Pacific Coast, giving her reasons for belief in Conference Unions :

"I believe the uniting of all the Conferences on the Pacific Slope would bring together a much larger body of women, who, by the information and interest awakened at the meetings, would scatter to their homes and work better on account of such information and interest. It will be years before any great number would go to the meeting of the Board of Managers, if the Society continues as at present; but I think, had we a general meeting on this coast once a year, we might expect one or two from each district who would go a long distance to such a meeting, and gather from it and take back to their Auxiliaries much inspiration and helpful enthusiasm. A strong reason for the Unions presents itself to me in the fact that a General Corresponding Secretary can not have an oversight of such a large work as must fall to her in the discharge of duty."

Mrs. Brown, of Providence, R. I., another member of the Committee who was not privileged to attend the meeting, was represented as being opposed to the plan, on the ground of increased expense.

On motion of Mrs. N. S. Albright, Mrs. W. G. Williams was invited to speak on this subject, and, in compliance with the request, said she had been on the Committee to prepare a plan for Conference Unions for two years. The Board knew what her feeling had been from the beginning. She had believed that additional duties might be put upon Conference officers and Bureau Secretaries; but she was not so sure she was right as to wish to throw her influence against Conference Unions.

Mrs. Marcy expressed her confidence in the good women of the Society, and thought that they should be trusted with the minutiae of the work. Her plan was, "Be sure you're right, then go ahead." She gave it as her opinion, that our organization is superior to that of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

Mrs. Burris, of Washington, commended the work of the Society under the present plan, and counseled to let well enough alone.

While Mrs. Mary Fisk Park was taking her place on the platform, the President, Mrs. Fisk, explained that this daughter made it possible for her to serve the Society.

Mrs. Park expressed decided views against the plan, based upon her experience in district and Conference work, where resignations of officers failure to secure representation from Auxiliaries in district meetings, lack of funds for expense of travel, were regarded as hindrances to the creation of new organizations.

On motion of Mrs. Roach, the President was invited to speak, without limitation of time.

Mrs. Fisk said that many years ago, during the late war, a man came to see General Fisk, who asked him: "Did you stop to see the governor of a nameless State, and how did he stand as regards a matter of public interest?" "Like a piece of putty," was the answer, "easily changed." "I am no putty," said the President. "I am opposed to Conference Unions, first, last, and all the time." She stated that she had talked with bishops, ministers, and members of the Missionary Committee, who united in the advice to let the present form of organization alone. She had uniformly secured the opinion of the brethren before expressing her own, and concluded her remarks by urging that the present organization be let alone.

A call was made for the two general officers, who had not been heard from; and Mrs. Mendenhall, who continually bears the burdens of the treasury, said she must have help in this department, and if it could be shared by the Conference Unions she would be glad.

Mrs. Aiken regarded the solemnity of the scene before her as a suggestive foretaste of the time when every thought is to be made known; and said that, while others were talking, she realized the responsibility of individual expression, and had been lifting her heart to the Divine Power to give wisdom and judgment to help in this time of need.

"Help us to help each other, Lord," was then sung.

Mrs. Wells made an earnest plea for the continuance of the present plan of organization.

Mrs. Garrison reminded the Convention that two years ago our beloved Mrs. Davis, of sweetest memory, took the problem now under consideration to the Lord in prayer. Her worthy successor, Mrs. Fisk, then called upon Mrs. Marcy to offer prayer; at the conclusion of which Mrs. Roach led in singing "He leadeth me."

Mrs. Williams moved that the vote be taken by ballot, and made the first order of exercise Friday morning, without further discussion.

Mrs. Roach opposed this motion, and asked for an immediate decision, while Mrs. Albright spoke in favor of it. Mrs. Potter thought the Convention in excellent condition to vote on this question of Unions, and moved that Mrs. Williams's motion be tabled. The motion prevailed.

Then Mrs. Everett moved that the vote be taken by ballot now, and, after discussion, this motion was lost.

Mrs. Roach called for the original question.

On motion of Mrs. Everett, a further extension of time was granted. Mrs. Everett asked if a two-thirds vote is necessary to pass, and Mrs. Roach said a majority has always ruled in this body.

Mrs. Potter stated that a two-thirds vote is necessary, as the plan affects the Constitution.

Mrs. Rust then read the article in the Constitution bearing upon this subject.

Mrs. Roach said she thought this did not involve changes in the Constitution.

Mrs. Rust said that she believed that the conviction of the hour should rule, and that this would certainly involve changes in the Constitution.

Mrs. Everett moved that we require a two-thirds vote on this matter. Mrs. Tomkinson favored this motion, while Mrs. Roach opposed. It was voted in the affirmative.

The original motion was then read by the Secretary, as follows:

Resolved, That we change our plan of work, and adopt the plan for Conference Unions.

The vote was taken by standing, and resulted in the decision that we do not change our plan of work; 21 voting for, and 45 voting against this.

The President stated that, during this discussion, Dr. Gray had desired to introduce fraternal delegates, and that, without intending courtesy, she had thought it best to continue the important work of the hour.

Mrs. Williams asked to be relieved from the Committee on Church Press, and that Mrs. Hollister be substituted instead. On motion, the request was granted.

The Chairman of the Committee on Enrollment, Mrs. Black, reported progress.

The Recording Secretary presented an invitation from the young ladies of the Pine Street Methodist Episcopal Church, tendering a reception on Saturday, at 8.30 P. M., to the national officers, delegates, missionaries, deaconesses, visitors, hostesses, and officers of the local societies of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

On motion, this cordial invitation was accepted, with a rising vote of thanks.

Notices were then read, and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Mr. Conner.

THURSDAY EVENING.

MRS. CLINTON B. FISK presided over a meeting in Mulberry Street Church, attended by a large and interested audience, and addressed by Mrs. A. C. Clark, of the Immigrant's Home, East Boston, Mass.; Mrs. E. E. Marcy, of Evanston, Ill., on the Bohemian work of Chicago; Mrs. James Dale, on the work of the Bureau for Supplies; and Mrs. May Leonard Wells, on the Italian work of New York City.

FRIDAY MORNING.

THE meeting opened with devotional exercises, conducted by Mrs. J. P. Negus, of Iowa. Two stanzas of "Nearer, my God, to thee," were sung, and the 91st Psalm was read; after which Mrs. Negus led in fervent prayer for the blessing of the Father to rest upon the work and the work-

ers of our Society. The devotional exercises were closed by singing three stanzas of "Rock of ages, cleft for me."

The minutes of the previous session were read by Mrs. Aiken, corrected, and adopted.

Mrs. Springer presented a resolution eulogizing the character and work of our lamented sister, Mrs. R. W. P. Goff. On motion, it was referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

Mrs. Fisk requested Mrs. C. W. Bickley to take charge of the devotional exercises of the afternoon session, and Mrs. Spurlock to conduct the devotional exercises of Saturday morning's session.

Mrs. Rust suggested that the Committee on Press be prepared, if possible, to send reports to the Church papers in time for their publication in next week's issue.

Mrs. Williams requested that Mrs. Hollister and Mrs. Everett be added to the Committee on By-laws. On motion, this request was granted.

On motion of Mrs. Rust, the program for Saturday morning was so modified as to give time for a meeting of the Committee on Finance and Mission-fields.

Mrs. Fisk urged great promptness and attention to business during the remainder of the session.

Reports of Conference Secretaries were then presented in the following order: The Secretary of the Wyoming Conference being detained by illness, her report was read by Mrs. Pearce, the Conference president. Mrs. Hastings read the report for Wilmington Conference, showing that the work had advanced in all lines during the year. Mrs. Alspaugh gave the report for Upper Iowa Conference.

At this point Mrs. Fisk suggested the importance of speaking of our Society as "*The Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church*," as many mistakes are made in making bequests to this Society by omitting the corporate name.

Mrs. E. W. Simpson read the report for Troy Conference, and Mrs. R. S. Rust the report of Southern California Conference. This report was most encouraging, showing that the year began with twenty organizations and closed with fifty-one, and a membership of 1,385.

On motion, the regular order was suspended, that Rev. Mr. Conner might present the following clergymen to the President, who in turn introduced them to the Convention, namely: Rev. W. C. Piper, Rev. M. P. Crosthwaite, of Williamsport; Rev. J. M. Johnston, of Jersey Shore; and Rev. Samuel Fox, of Jamestown, Pa.

The report of Southeast Indiana Conference was read by the Secretary, Mrs. Adams; the report of Pittsburg Conference, by Mrs. W. B. Hamilton, in the absence of the Secretary, Mrs. Schoyer; the report of the Philadelphia Conference was submitted by Mrs. Stevens, who spoke beautifully and lovingly of their lamented sister and co-laborer, Mrs. R. W. P. Goff.

These reports of Conference Secretaries were then, on motion, adopted, after which three stanzas of "Rock of Ages" were sung.

The report of *Woman's Home Missions* was presented by the editor,

Mrs. H. C. McCabe. She stated that the union of the *Deaconess at Work* with our official organ was advised by the General Executive Board at its second quarterly-meeting. To make this union permanent will necessitate the enlargement of the paper, and will, we trust, increase its usefulness. This report was adopted.

The report of the publisher, Miss Mary Belle Evans, showed that while many papers had sustained great losses during the year, *Woman's Home Missions* had added to its list of subscribers until they now number 16,000. This, however, represents only one-fourth of the membership. Conference Secretaries were then urged to push the work of securing subscribers in their Conferences.

Mrs. Hickman moved that the two papers, *Woman's Home Missions* and *Deaconess at Work* be united. After extended discussion, the noon-tide prayer was observed, when the discussion was resumed.

Mrs. Jones, of Cincinnati, and Mrs. Alspaugh, of Iowa, and others, advised keeping the price the same as it now is, and securing as many advertisements as possible to defray the additional expense of publication.

Mrs. McCabe said, if by putting the price at fifty cents per annum we lose half our subscribers, we could publish our paper and save the greater portion of our space for information concerning our work, rather than use it for advertisements. Mrs. Rust opposed cutting down the number of subscriptions. She thought it better to pay the additional expense from the general treasury.

The question was then called for, and it was unanimously carried that these two papers be united.

Mrs. Garrison moved that the size of the paper be referred to the Committee on *Woman's Home Missions*. Mrs. Albright moved, as a substitute, that the whole matter be referred to such members of the Standing Committee on *Woman's Home Missions* as were present, and that they have power to add to their number. Carried.

After the notices were given, adjournment immediately followed.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

THE devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Bickley, of Philadelphia.

The minutes of the morning session were read by Mrs. Green, corrected, and adopted.

The motion made by Mrs. Springer, that Mrs. Bickley represent Idaho Conference, prevailed.

A motion, made by Mrs. Springer, requesting the Committee on Program to arrange the Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers so that it will not conflict with the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, was adopted.

The report of the Bureau for Texas was given by the Secretary, Mrs. E. L. Albright, and adopted. The report indicated a most satisfactory con-

dition of the work at King Industrial Home. The building has been filled, to its utmost capacity, with earnest, industrious pupils, who have not only received instruction as to the practical affairs of home-life, but who have also been helped in the development of a symmetrical Christian character.

In presenting the report of the Bureau for Mormons, Mrs. Rust spoke of the removal, by death, of the efficient and beloved Secretary, Mrs. R. W. P. Goff. This report referred to the changed conditions—the incoming of Gentiles, the abolishment of open polygamous relations, and the improvement of the public-school system—which made it no longer necessary to sustain our mission schools in some sections. The condition of the work had been referred to the Utah Mission Conference. Two Committees were appointed by the Conference—one on work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and one on Deaconess Work. These Committees presented a common report, recommending that Davis Hall, Salt Lake City, be used as a center for deaconess work, a rescue for young girls, a kindergarten, and other forms of work; and that Spencer Home be used for work among the Scandinavians.

Mrs. Wells inquired as to the authority of those who were soliciting funds for furnishing a Deaconess Home at Salt Lake City.

In reply, Mrs. Aiken presented the action of the General Executive Board, as follows:

"Resolved, That we recommend that the appropriations for Salt Lake City be made with the understanding that our work in Utah is missionary work, and not deaconess work. We do not commit ourselves to deaconess work in Salt Lake City."

Mrs. Rust thought we might make missionary appropriations, to be used in such methods as those in charge of the work deemed best. Mrs. Williams stated that, in the past, we had not given this discretionary power to those who disbursed our funds there. Mrs. Boswell inquired whether appropriations for deaconess work are made unconditional. Mrs. Williams replied in the negative. The discussion closed with the statement by the President that further action would be taken in the Finance Committee.

A note from Mrs. Dr. Gray, containing a most cordial invitation to the evening reception at Dickinson Seminary, was read.

A letter from Mrs. Brownell, Secretary of the Central New York Conference, stating that she was prevented from being in attendance by her husband's illness, was read, and a suitable reply ordered.

Mrs. Fisk read a letter from Mrs. M. B. Hagans, Secretary of the Bureau for West Southern States, explaining her absence; after which Mrs. Aiken presented the report of the Bureau. This report indicated successful work in the four Industrial Homes in the care of the Bureau, and among the Italian and factory girls of New Orleans. Attention was called to the need of repairs at some points, and the enlargement of the work at others. Special mention was made of the development of religious character among the girls in these Homes. The report was, on motion, adopted.

Mrs. Springer gave a message from Mrs. Adeline Smith, who had contributed so generously to the building of the Industrial Home which bears

her name, and who desired to be informed as to the good condition of the Home, and the prosperity of the work at that point.

The report of the New Jersey Industrial Home, Morristown, Tenn., was made by Mrs. Mary Fisk Park. In connection with the report of the satisfactory work of the industrial department, Mrs. Park read paragraphs from letters written by the pupils; also an essay written by Carrie Hepler, which contained so many excellent points that it was referred to the Leaflet Committee for publication. On motion, the report was adopted.

The work at Ritter Home was represented by Mrs. W. G. Williams, who reported increased attendance, and most strenuous efforts by pupils to provide for their own support; and excellent work on the part of all, from superintendent to pupils. On motion, this report was adopted.

Mrs. Hedges, who had visited this Home, as well as the New Jersey Home, expressed her great satisfaction with the conditions of work at both places.

The report of the Bureau for East Southern States was called, but, by request, postponed until the next session.

Mrs. A. W. Black presented the report of the Committee on Enrollment, as follows :

This report exhibits the fact that delegates are in attendance from fifteen States, representing thirty-five Conferences. We present the following as the enrollment list :

General Officers, Members of the General Executive Board, and Secretaries of Bureaus.—Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk, Mrs. R. S. Rust, Mrs. J. W. Mendenhall, Mrs. F. A. Aiken, Mrs. W. G. Williams, Mrs. H. C. McCabe, Mrs. Bishop Walden, Mrs. I. D. Jones, Mrs. George H. Thompson, Mrs. Auna Kent, Mrs. E. L. Albright, Mrs. J. P. Negus, Mrs. G. H. Mansfield, Mrs. Samuel Hamilton, Mrs. James Dale, Mrs. E. W. Simpson, Mrs. Mary Fisk Park, Mrs. G. W. Mansfield.

Honorary Vice-President.—Mrs. Colonel Springer.

(The names of Corresponding Secretaries of Conferences are marked by an (*) asterisk.)
CONFERENCES.

Baltimore.—Delegation : *Mrs. Clara L. Roach, Mrs. Richard Harcourt.

Visitors : Mrs. William Burris, Mrs. T. P. Frost.

Central Illinois.—Delegate : Mrs. C. W. Blodgett.

Central New York.—Delegate : Mrs. C. W. M. Brown, acting for *Mrs. Walter Statham. Visitors : Mrs. C. E. Mogg, Mrs. Yale Anderson, Mrs. A. B. Miller, Mrs. M. J. Guernsey, Mrs. Charles Palmer, Mrs. W. F. De Witt, Mrs. H. M. Harper.

Central Ohio.—Delegation : *Mrs. M. H. Davis, Mrs. G. W. Waters. Visitor : Mrs. Edward Squire.

Central Pennsylvania.—Delegation : *Mrs. T. L. Tomkinson, Mrs. A. W. Black. Visitors : Miss E. F. Tomkinson, Mrs. M. R. Crawford, Mrs. E. J. Gray, Miss Charlotte J. Hoag, Mrs. E. Heikle, Mrs. E. Hammersley, Mrs. W. P. Denehey, Mrs. C. F. Frain, Mrs. George Kinter, Mrs. H. C. Pardoe, Mrs. M. L. Haverstick, Mrs. George E. Reed, Mrs. J. D. Bucher,

Mrs. Mary Gearhart, Mrs. B. F. Dimmick, Mrs. S. A. Prieson, Mrs. A. E. Thomas, Mrs. M. E. Thomas, Mrs. A. W. Brown, Mrs. W. A. Houck, Miss Barbara Kissel, Mrs. B. C. Conner, Miss Elizabeth Crawford, Mrs. J. Harper Black, Mrs. David Salmon, Mrs. Mary Gann, Mrs. W. F. Satterlee, Mrs. W. H. Stevenson, Mrs. B. E. Staples, Miss Nellie Schaeffle, Mrs. M. J. Hill, Miss Mary Walters, Mrs. James Buoy, Mrs. W. A. Barr, Mrs. Elizabeth Jackson, Mrs. M. W. Jackson, Mrs. F. A. Harris, Miss L. Myrna Tomkinson, Mrs. — Walz, Miss Anna Slate, and Miss Florence Slate.

Cincinnati.—Delegate: Mrs. M. T. Carey.

Detroit.—Delegate: *Mrs. Lillian Hollister.

East Ohio.—Delegate: *Mrs. M. C. Hickman.

Erie.—Delegation: *Miss Annie M. Cummings, Mrs. W. W. Pattit.

Genesee.—Delegation: *Mrs. E. B. Green, Mrs. A. I. Loomis. Visitors: Mrs. D. A. Minard, Mrs. J. D. Phelps.

*Illinoi*s.—Delegate: *Mrs. B. S. Potter.

Maine.—Delegation: *Mrs. Sarah F. Palmer, Mrs. Israel Lewis.

Michigan.—Delegation: *Mrs. L. Masters, Mrs. E. M. Wheeler.

Nebraska.—Delegate: Mrs. Isabella Spurlock.

Newark.—Delegation: *Mrs. J. I. Boswell, Mrs. William E. Drake. Visitors: Mrs. Wilbur F. Day, Miss Emma Hannas, Mrs. May Leonard Wells.

New England.—Delegation: *Mrs. S. W. Floyd, Mrs. L. W. Staples. Visitor: Mrs. G. W. Mansfield.

New England Southern.—Delegation: *Mrs. James Tregaskis, Mrs. T. J. Everett.

New Hampshire.—Delegate: *Mrs. G. M. Curl.

New Jersey.—Delegation: *Mrs. C. F. Garrison, Mrs. S. J. Turner. Visitor: Mrs. E. B. Humphreys.

New York.—Delegate: *Mrs. Mary Fisk Park.

New York East.—Delegation: *Mrs. J. Q. Maynard, Mrs. J. A. Lantry.

North Indiana.—Delegate: *Mrs. L. H. Bunyan.

North Ohio.—Delegation: *Mrs. N. S. Albright, Mrs. H. C. Hedges.

Northern New York.—Delegation: *Mrs. I. L. Hunt, Mrs. Alexander Bramley.

Northwest Iowa.—Delegate: *Mrs. J. P. Negus.

Ohio.—Delegate: Miss Mary Belle Evans.

Philadelphia.—Delegation: *Mrs. Theodore Stevens, Mrs. D. Dailey, Jr. Visitors: Mrs. C. W. Bickley, Mrs. William L. Boswell, Mrs. T. F. A. Collins, Mrs. J. B. Rooksby, Mrs. A. T. Ryder, Mrs. Perry Ryder, Mrs. Charles Scott, Miss E. A. Scott, Mrs. Thomas May Peirce, Mrs. Geo. J. Yeigler, Mrs. H. C. Paist.

Pittsburg.—Delegate: Mrs. W. D. Hamilton.

Rock River.—Delegation: *Mrs. E. E. Marcy, Mrs. William Fawcett. Visitor: Mrs. H. B. Ridgway.

Southeast Indiana.—Delegation: *Mrs. A. V. P. Adams, Mrs. M. S. Andrus.

Troy.—Delegate: Mrs. O. J. Squires.

Upper Iowa.—Delegation: *Mrs. M. Alspaugh, Mrs. W. J. Shadel.

Vermont.—Delegate: *Mrs. E. C. Elmer.

Wilmington.—Delegation: *Mrs. Catharine Hastings (acting), Mrs. N. M. Brown.

Wyoming.—Delegate: Mrs. J. Hartwell. Visitors: Mrs. W. H. Pearce, Mrs. F. E. Wood, Mrs. —— Crawford.

Missionaries and Deaconesses.—Mrs. A. C. Clark, Miss Ida Miner, Miss Josephine Corbin.

Mrs. Dale said that from the one hundred and twenty-seven persons in attendance, she had received but sixty-eight railroad certificates, and stated that excursion and mileage tickets were to be included.

Miss Evans, publisher of the *Woman's Home Missions*, stated that sample copies of this paper were here for distribution.

Mrs. Rust gave the report of the Bureau for East Southern States, including reports of Kent, Browning, and Simpson Homes, and the school at Asheville, which had received a generous gift of \$1,000 from Mrs. Marriage Allen, of England, for the enlargement of the work. On motion, this report was adopted.

Mrs. Simpson supplemented the report of this Bureau by stating that Kent Home had been repaired and cleaned by the Troy Conference without making draft upon the general treasury.

Mrs. Bishop Walden tendered her resignation as Secretary of this Bureau, because of inability to care for the work. On motion, this resignation was accepted.

Dr. Wilding, of Oregon, was introduced, and presented the following propositions, which were, on motion, referred to the Committee on Finance and Mission-fields:

PROPOSITION 1. That the Woman's Home Missionary Society take full charge of the Jane Abraham Deaconess Home in connection with the hospital, at Portland, Oregon, and that they pay to the hospital trustees the sum of \$5,000 for the deaconess cottage and the piece of ground, one hundred feet square, on which it stands.

PROPOSITION 2. That the Woman's Home Missionary Society use its official influence and power to aid in floating the proposed bonds of the hospital, and thus aid in saving the institution to Methodism.

Mrs. Fisk assured Dr. Wilding of the sympathy of the Society, but could not see the way clear to give the aid desired.

Mrs. Rust gave notice of the meeting of the Committee on Deaconess Work at 8.30 to-morrow morning.

The doxology was sung, and the benediction pronounced by Dr. Wilding.

FRIDAY EVENING.

A BRILLIANT reception was given at Dickinson Seminary by President and Mrs. E. J. Gray, assisted by their able corps of teachers. The spacious halls of the seminary were thronged with guests, who will long remember this occasion of delightful intercourse. Refreshments were served by the

present very attractive senior class of the seminary, and from the gracefully festooned booths in the corners of the chapel cups of fragrant tea were dispensed.

SATURDAY MORNING.

THE devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Isabella Spurlock. Mrs. Wilbur F. Day was introduced by the President, and spoke of the Auxiliary at Ocean Grove, N. J., which was made up of representatives from many sections of the country. She invited all ladies in the various Conferences to join this Auxiliary, and thus increase the General Fund.

Mrs. Williams called attention to the fact that there were ladies present who desired pictures of Mrs. Hayes and Mrs. Davis, and requested Mrs. Thompson to place these pictures for sale on the right of the pulpit.

Mrs. Marcy exhibited some specimens of the handiwork of girls in the Jesse Lee Home, Unalaska, and the suggestion that one piece, having the name of Mrs. Daggett embroidered thereon, be purchased and presented to Mrs. L. H. Daggett, met with immediate favor. The amount collected on this piece was \$5.75.

An embroidered table-cover was purchased for the sum of \$12. Amount collected by Mrs. Fisk, and presented to Mrs. Kent as the first piece of furnishing for the projected Home at Albuquerque, N. M.

Mrs. C. W. Blodgett, of Central Illinois, stated that this Conference was unorganized, and asked the privilege of naming a Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer. This request was granted, and Mrs. M. A. Head, of Kankakee, Ill., was appointed to these offices.

On motion of Mrs. Simpson, Mrs. J. Bullock, of Greensboro, N. C., was appointed Conference Secretary of North Carolina Conference.

Mrs. Dale read a letter from the railroad agent, containing instructions for delegates.

The reports from Conferences were then presented in the following order, by the respective Corresponding Secretaries, with the exception of Kansas Conference, which was read by Mrs. G. H. Thompson for the absent Secretary, Mrs. Sadie A. Brown: Northwest Iowa, by Mrs. J. P. Negus; North Ohio, by Mrs. N. S. Albright; New England Southern, by Mrs. Tregaskis; New York East, by Mrs. J. Q. Maynard; Michigan, by Mrs. L. Master; and Maine Conference, by Mrs. Sarah F. Palmer. On motion, these reports were adopted.

The minutes of Friday afternoon session were read by Mrs. Albright, and approved.

Mrs. Williams arose to a question of privilege, to ask that her statement in reference to unconditional appropriations to deaconess work be corrected, no exception ever having been made to the rule, even in regard to Washington deaconess work.

Mrs. Springer desired that the minutes of yesterday afternoon be so altered as to read *adopted* instead of *referred*, as mentioned in the action on the resolutions eulogizing the character of Mrs. Goff.

Mrs. E. L. Albright thought it so desirable that expressions of regret and sorrow should be in complete harmony with the character of the individual, that she hoped the reference to the Committee would be sustained.

By request of Mrs. Jones, the report of the Committee on *Woman's Home Missions*, which was to have been presented for consideration at 10 o'clock, was postponed until Monday morning.

The Committee on Finance and Mission-fields being called, on motion, the Convention adjourned to meet at the close of the meeting of the Committee.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

THE President, Mrs. Fisk, resumed the chair at 2 o'clock, and Mrs. J. I. Boswell conducted the devotional exercises.

Mrs. E. Squires nominated Miss Mary Belle Evans to represent the Ohio Conference, and, on motion, she was elected.

The minutes of the morning session were read by Mrs. Garrison, corrected, and adopted.

Mrs. Marcy called attention to the World's Fair Register, and emphasized the desirability of having the names of the Methodist women of the Columbian period enrolled therein, and thought it would be delightful to have their photographs, each to be accompanied by the sum of \$1, to defray the expense of publishing a memorial volume, the proceeds of which should go into the General Fund.

The President, Mrs. Fisk, called Mrs. Isabella Spurlock to the platform, who introduced to the Convention Miss Walters, a former city missionary in Salt Lake City, whose privilege of attendance was credited to the generous provision of her Bible-class. Miss Walters said there were tears in her heart at the thought of the withdrawal of the work of our Society from Utah; first, because the recent Statehood demands the change from territorial to State laws. If a constitution were made now, it could not be enforced for a year, or nearly that long. Then only those who have seen the need of the women in their Home can realize how great it is. Even if polygamy were wiped from the escutcheon of Utah to-day, the influences of heredity would be there for generations to come.

Mrs. Fisk, the President, read a letter as follows:

"I think Mrs. Marcy loves that handiwork made by the Alaskan girls. I have \$5 to add to your \$12, if Mrs. Kent will take the money and present the spread to Mrs. Marcy. The Alaska girls will make another for Albuquerque.
A LADY."

Mrs. Kent gracefully presented this spread to Mrs. Marcy, who responded in fitting words, confessing that the value of the handiwork had been enhanced by setting her affections on it. The additional \$5 subscribed for this spread was added to the \$12 already collected, and was credited to the Mulberry Street Church Auxiliary.

Adjournment was then had in favor of a meeting of the Committee on Finance and Mission-fields.

At the time appointed for the communion service, the members of the Convention and the pastors, with many of the members from the different Churches of the city, assembled to participate in this sacramental service. It was preceded by an experience-meeting of wonderful sweetness and power, led by Mrs. William Burris, of Washington, D. C. The meeting was characterized by Scriptural responses and testimonies as to the verifying of God's promises. The communion service followed, and was participated in by nearly all present.

SATURDAY EVENING.

THE young ladies of Pine Street Church most gracefully received the Convention, and entertained the delegates and friends in a manner which proved them to be true daughters of the "Mother Church of Williamsport Methodism."

The delegates were received in the Sunday-school room, and accorded a cordial welcome. This room was tastefully decorated with foliage plants and beautiful chrysanthemums. Refreshments were served in the parlors above, and the pleasantest memories of this social occasion are treasured by the delighted guests.

SUNDAY MORNING.

AT Mulberry Street Church, Mrs. Fisk in the chair, Mrs. May Leonard Wells gave a most interesting address upon the general work of the Society, and presented, in excellent form, a sketch of the Society from its small beginning to the present time. Mrs. Burris, of Washington, D. C., followed with an address upon the need of the baptism of the Holy Spirit upon the work and the workers, and magnified this gift of God as the only sufficient guide and support of those who seek to do the will of God in the saving of men.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

AN interesting meeting for the young people, in charge of Mrs. Wells, was held in Pine Street Church, addressed by Mrs. A. C. Clark, Miss Corbin, and Mrs. I. D. Jones.

SUNDAY EVENING.

THE anniversary of the Society was held in Mulberry Street Church, Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk presiding.

The song "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" was sung, and Mrs. W. G. Williams offered prayer.

The solo, "O Rest in the Lord," was rendered with fine effect by Mr. Heading, of Dickinson Seminary.

The hymn "Look from thy sphere of endless day," was read by Mrs. T. L. Tomkinson, and worshipfully sung by the large audience that filled the auditorium.

The usual collection was then taken; after which the congregation joined in singing, "Awake, my soul," as read by Mrs. R. S. Rust.

The anniversary address was delivered by Rev. James King, D. D., of New York City, based upon the text as found in the twelfth chapter of Matthew and twentieth verse: "A bruised reed shall he not break, and smoking flax shall he not quench, till he send forth judgment unto victory."

Dr. King spoke of the selection of the reed for its frailty. A plant tossed about by every wind was a fit emblem of our humanity. The reed is just as strong as it can be, considering the soil in which it lives. So our strength is just in proportion to the soil on which we subsist. The only soil on which Christian character can be built up and nourished is God's word, and character so built and nourished, exhibits itself, not in that which society applauds, but in helpful service to all who are in need in body or soul.

He spoke of the discipline of sorrow—the bruising of the reed which seems to be necessary, before God can make use of such frail instruments—giving most touching illustrations of God's methods of disciplining a soul.

In closing, Dr. King called attention to the necessity of directing the mind of the Church to the great work needed to be done in this country in order to save it from the influences that threaten to destroy it, commended the work of the Society in all its forms, and urged greater devotion and effort in the continuance of the work.

MONDAY MORNING.

THE Convention was called to order by the President, Mrs. Fisk, who placed the devotional exercises in charge of Mrs. T. P. Frost, of Baltimore, who, after reading the Scripture lesson, led in prayer, and was followed by Mrs. Palmer and Mrs. Potter. This delightful season closed with one verse of Coronation. The minutes of the previous session were read by Mrs. Aiken, and adopted.

The election of officers for the ensuing year was the first business of the morning. The President read the By-law providing for the manner of electing the officers.

Pending this, Mrs. E. L. Albright moved that Miss Ellen F. Tomkinson represent the Texas Conference, and the motion prevailed.

Mrs. Hollister moved that there be three sets of Tellers appointed to count the ballots for the election of officers. Carried.

Mrs. Fisk called Mrs. Williams, one of the Vice-Presidents, to the chair.

The Chair then appointed, as the first set of Tellers, Mrs. Roach and

Mrs. N. S. Albright. Second set, Mrs. Garrison and Mrs. Hollister. Third set, Mrs. Samuel Hamilton and Mrs. Negus.

On the informal ballot for President, 70 votes were cast, 69 of which were for Mrs. Fisk.

The Secretary, Mrs. Aiken, was instructed to cast the ballot of the Convention for Mrs. Fisk.

Mrs. Professor Boswell was appointed to escort Mrs. Fisk to the chair. She was then introduced by Mrs. Williams, who, in a few earnest words, congratulated Mrs. Fisk upon this added evidence of the confidence and love of her fellow-workers; and, for them, pledged to her all the loyalty and co-operation which her predecessors, Mrs. Hayes and Mrs. Davis, had received.

Mrs. Fisk said she accepted the duties of President last year with much reluctance and many misgivings. She had tried to do her duty, and was grateful for the co-operation of her co-laborers. She said: "It is said 'the veil is thin between us and the other world.' If that be so, there is one there who would rejoice in the confidence you have shown in me." She would continue to give her best efforts for the promotion of the interests of the Society.

One verse of "Blest be the tie that binds" was feelingly sung, all joining.

The Convention proceeded to prepare ballots for First Vice-President.

While waiting for the report of the Tellers, the audience joined in singing, "When the roll is called up yonder."

The ballot for First Vice-President resulted in 73 votes being cast, of which Mrs. W. G. Williams received 50.

On motion, the vote was made unanimous.

Mrs. Williams thanked the ladies, and said she was willing to serve the Society in any capacity for which she had ability.

The Convention proceeded to ballot for Second Vice-President.

While the Tellers were out, the following business was transacted; Mrs. Rust announced that she had received a telegram from Mrs. Bishop Walden, one of our valuable workers, who had been detained in Baltimore by the sick-bed of her daughter, and would arrive this afternoon.

Mrs. Hollister moved that the Corresponding Secretary be instructed to revise the report blanks, and supply the Conference Corresponding Secretaries at the beginning of the year with a sufficient quantity for the year's reports. As it was found that a Committee already existed for the revision of blanks, that part of the motion, by the consent of the house, was withdrawn, and the rest of the motion prevailed.

Tellers reported the vote cast for Second Vice-President. Number of votes, 76. Mrs. Robinson received 30; Mrs. McCabe, 25; and the remainder scattering. No election.

On motion of Mrs. Albright, the two ladies receiving the highest number of ballots were to be considered the nominees. Ballots were again cast for Second Vice-President.

Mrs. E. L. Albright moved that Mrs. Pearce, of Scranton, Pa., be made a Committee to prepare a program for Thank-offering Day.

On motion of Mrs. Garrison, duly seconded, it was carried that the Convention prepare ballots for Corresponding Secretary.

After these ballots were collected, Mrs. Boswell moved that our President and Corresponding Secretary constitute a Committee to present our interests before the General Missionary Committee of the Church. Carried.

Mrs. Hickman moved that a Committee be appointed, of which Mrs. Wells should be a member, to prepare an appeal in the interest of our Society, to the Epworth Leagues of the Church. At the suggestion of Mrs. Green, action upon the motion was held in abeyance until the election of a Secretary of the Bureau for Young People's Work.

The Tellers then reported 74 votes cast for Second Vice-President. Mrs. Robinson received 39, and Mrs. McCabe 35.

By vote of the Convention, the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot for Mrs. Robinson for Second Vice-President.

On motion of Mrs. N. S. Albright, duly seconded, it was voted that Mrs. H. C. McCabe be elected Third Vice-President by acclamation. Mrs. McCabe was then declared duly elected Third Vice-President.

The tellers reported the whole number of votes cast for Corresponding Secretary as 74. Mrs. Rust received 70; scattering, 4.

The Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the Convention for Mrs. Rust.

Mrs. J. I. Boswell was appointed to escort her to the platform, and, upon being introduced to the Convention, Mrs. Rust said: "To you who have stood by me for fourteen years I can only say that I feel that I am here by the providence of God, and have endeavored to be faithful and true to the interests of the Society, trusting Him to overrule my mistakes."

On motion, the Convention proceeded to ballot for Treasurer, after which the Tellers reported the ballot for Fourth Vice-President; number of votes cast, 69. Mrs. Walden received 33; Mrs. Hoyt, 32; scattering, 4. No one receiving the requisite number of votes, it was moved by Mrs. Roach that another ballot be taken, and the votes be confined to the two persons receiving the highest number of votes. Carried.

The Tellers reported number of votes cast for Treasurer, 76. Mrs. Mendenhall received 73; scattering, 3.

The Secretary was instructed to cast the vote of the Convention for Mrs. Mendenhall.

Mrs. Thompson was appointed to escort Mrs. Mendenhall to the platform. The President spoke some kindly words in introducing her, and Mrs. Mendenhall said she thanked the ladies for their confidence. After her service of one year, she almost felt the responsibility greater than she could bear or than she cared to bear, but she would continue to serve them to the best of her ability.

The Tellers reported number of votes cast for Recording Secretary, 74. Mrs. Aiken received 69; scattering, 5.

The President was asked to cast the ballot of the Convention for Mrs. Aiken, which was done, and she was declared duly elected Recording Secretary.

Mrs. Park was appointed to escort Mrs. Aiken to the platform. The President introduced her in a few pleasant words, to which Mrs. Aiken said, that while there were smiles on her face, there were tears in her heart at the memory of five long years of affliction that deprived her of the privileges of Christian activity, and that her service now was a grateful offering to the Lord for restoring her to health. As Recording Secretary, she had endeavored to be faithful, impartial, and accurate.

The Tellers were called, and reported the result of balloting for Fourth Vice-President. Number of votes cast, 71. Mrs. Hoyt received 39; Mrs. Walden, 32. Mrs. Hoyt was duly declared Fourth Vice-President.

Mrs. Jones moved that Mrs. Bishop Walden be elected by acclamation Fifth Vice-President for the ensuing year. Carried.

The Secretary stated that Mrs. Henry Wade Rogers, whose name appears first on the list of Provisional Managers, was elected to fill the unexpired term, in the list of Managers, of Mrs. R. W. P. Goff, deceased.

It was moved by Mrs. Hickman, and seconded by Mrs. Everett, that an informal ballot be taken for the twelve Managers, and that the number of votes cast for each shall determine their order of place. Carried.

The Tellers were instructed to report upon the Managers the first item of business in the afternoon session.

Mrs. E. W. Simpson offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That in view of the helpfulness of the faculty and pupils of Dickinson Seminary to this body, we insert free of expense, for one month, an advertisement of this institution in *Woman's Home Missions*.

The President stated, in introducing Mrs. Messina, Treasurer of the Auxiliary of Mulberry Street Church, Williamsport, that she, Mrs. Fisk, had collected \$12 to purchase a table-cover made in the Jesse Lee Home, Unalaska, and presented it to Mrs. Kent for Albuquerque Home. A lady had given \$5 additional that the cover might be presented to Mrs. Marcy, which presentation had been most graciously made by Mrs. Kent, and the aggregate amount was now to go to Albuquerque Home, passing through the hands of the Auxiliary of this Church.

It was moved and carried that the report of the Committee on *Woman's Home Missions* be made the special order of business immediately after the close of the election of officers this afternoon.

After announcements and a season of silent prayer, the doxology was sung, the benediction pronounced by Rev. Mr. Couner, and the session adjourned.

MONDAY AFTERNOON.

THE session opened at 2 o'clock, with the President in the chair. "I'll live for Him who died for me" was sung. Miss Corbin, of the Philadelphia Deaconess Home, read the 91st Psalm, and Mrs. J. I. Boswell led in prayer. "Jesus, Lover of my soul," was sung in concluding the devotional exercises.

The minutes of the morning session were read by Mrs. Porter, corrected, and adopted.

On motion of Mrs. Garrison, the reports of Secretaries of Bureaus were limited to ten minutes.

A motion that reports of Bureaus be presented the first day of the Annual Meeting, was referred to the Committee on Program.

Mrs. Springer moved that the Committee on Program be advised to arrange for the presentation of from two to four Bureau reports at each evening session of the next Annual Meeting. Carried.

Mrs. N. S. Albright reported the result of the informal ballot for Board of Managers.

A motion made by Mrs. Williams that the twelve ladies who received the highest number of votes should be the nominees, prevailed.

The Recording Secretary was requested to cast the ballot of the Convention for the following ladies: Mrs. W. A. Goodman, Jr., who received 72 votes; Mrs. Anna Kent, 71; Mrs. Joseph Thorne, 69; Mrs. A. R. Clark, 67; Mrs. George H. Thompson, 67; Mrs. W. M. Ampt, 66; Mrs. I. D. Jones, 66; Mrs. J. W. Gosling, 65; Mrs. J. L. Whetstone, 62; Mrs. M. B. Hagans, 61; Mrs. W. C. Herron, 60; and Mrs. W. L. Boswell, 47.

The foregoing ladies were declared duly elected.

On motion, the further election of officers was deferred until Tuesday morning.

The report of the Committee on *Woman's Home Missions* was submitted, and the following resolutions adopted:

Resolved, That the united papers be called "*Woman's Home Missions*."

Resolved, That the subscription price of "*Woman's Home Missions*" be twenty-five cents.

Resolved, That in view of the union of "*Woman's Home Missions*" and "*Deaconess at Work*," there be added four pages.

Resolved, That the paper retain its present form, and that the matter relative to deaconess work be placed under the heading "*Deaconess Work*."

Resolved, That we recommend one editor for the paper.

Resolved, That we urge the Conferences to make the largest effort possible to increase the subscription list, and that, if this fails to meet the increased expense, the publisher be allowed to draw upon the General Treasury for the balance of expenses for this year.

Mrs. Springer moved that the detailed Treasurer's Report be no longer printed in *Woman's Home Missions*. After a discussion, participated in

by ladies Williams, Simpson, Cummings, Negus, Boswell, Marcy, Green, and Roach, the motion was lost.

A motion, presented by Mrs. Springer, that the Treasurer's Report be printed in detail in the Annual Report, was carried.

Miss Evans, publisher of the *Woman's Home Missions*, desired aid in securing first-class advertisements for the paper, and said that she held herself in readiness to furnish rate-cards to those who would aid her.

The hymn, "Down at the cross where my Savior died," was sung, after which Mrs. W. G. Williams presented the report of the Bureau for Local Work. She said that local work was assuming such proportions and character, that she hoped the time would soon come when it would be proper to make appropriations for it as for other work. She deprecated the tendency to use funds of the Society for work the Church and other benevolent agencies should sustain, thereby crippling the general work of the Society.

On motion, the report was accepted.

Mrs. Bishop Walden, one of the Vice-Presidents of the Society, having just arrived, was presented to the Convention.

Mrs. Williams desired that all reports of local work be placed in her hand.

The Secretary of the Bureau for Deaconess Work, Mrs. Jane Bancroft Robinson, being absent on account of illness, the report of the Bureau was given verbally by Mrs. Rust. She called attention to the development of our work in the great cities, the legitimate field of deaconess work, emphasizing it by the statement that five years ago our appropriation for city work was but one-seventh of the total appropriation, but that last year it had reached three-fifths. She stated that we have thirteen Deaconess Homes, whose reports would be presented, and afterward compiled for publication in the Annual Report.

Mrs. Minard presented a communication from Mrs. Robinson, to which the Convention gave sympathetic attention.

The report of the Baltimore Deaconess Home* was presented by Mrs. R. Harcourt, showing that property, valued at \$10,000, had been secured, and the control vested in seventy-five managers from the different Churches of the city. The report was adopted.

The Lucy Webb Hayes Training-school* at Washington was represented by Mrs. Clara Roach. In connection with this work, the Dorothea Sibley Memorial Hospital has been established. This report was accepted.

The report of the Brooklyn Home,* as given by Mrs. J. Q. Maynard, indicated a large increase along all lines of work. Report adopted.

The Buffalo Home* reported, through Mrs. D. A. Minard, a year of unparalleled success. Report adopted.

Dr. Buoy, of Philadelphia, was introduced, and an announcement made that he would deliver an address in the evening.

* This report will be found in the report of the Bureau for Deaconess Work.

Mrs. Hollister presented the report of the Detroit Home,* prefacing the statistical report by a general statement of the work. Report adopted.

The Aldrich Memorial Home* at Grand Rapids was reported by Mrs. L. Master. The report was adopted.

Mrs. Rust made a verbal statement of the work at Knoxville, Tenn.,* stating that Knoxville had been almost revolutionized by this work.

Pittsburg Home* reported, through Mrs. Samuel Hamilton, work along all the various lines, and the sustaining of six industrial schools. Report adopted.

The report of the Philadelphia Home,* as presented by Mrs. Bickley, indicated that this Home had now become the recognized outlet for Methodist benevolence in that city. The report was adopted.

The Jane Abraham Home and Training-school* at Portland, which was incorporated last year, and placed under the joint auspices of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Oregon Conference, Portland Hospital, and Portland University, was represented by letter.

Mrs. A. B. Miller presented the report of the Syracuse Home,* which was adopted.

The San Francisco Home* was represented by Mrs. Rust, and the report adopted.

Mrs. Roach read the report of the Lucy Webb Hayes Home* at Washington, showing the almost immeasurable influence for good exerted by the devoted workers. Report accepted.

Cleveland Home* was reported through Mrs. Hickman. A property worth \$9,000 has been purchased, and will be occupied in the spring. Report adopted.

The following resolutions from the Baltimore Conference were presented, and, after discussion, adopted:

"WHEREAS, The Baltimore Conference has within its borders the National Training-school for Missionaries, the Sibley Hospital, and two Deaconess Homes, all appealing to the sympathies of the people; therefore,

"Resolved, That we request that the Treasurer of the Baltimore Conference shall be authorized to retain one-half of the membership dues of new members, added to, or in excess of, the list of last year, the amount to be paid to the Treasurer of the Deaconess Home."

The report of the New York Conference was presented by its Secretary, Mrs. Park. The report indicated advancement on all lines; and made special mention of the gift of a magnificent property on the Hudson, presented by General Watts de Peyster.

The report of the Bureau for East Southern States, Mrs. J. L. Whetstone, Secretary, was read by Mrs. Aiken, who presented greetings from Mrs. Whetstone and regrets for her absence. This report showed uniform prosperity in all the Homes, notwithstanding the financial depression during the past year.

Mrs. Boswell stated that she had in her possession a tribute to Miss Bisbee, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

Mrs. Aiken gave notice that the paper, the *Weekly Times*, which would

be issued on Thursday, would contain a full notice of the meeting. It would be sent to any address, and a young lady would receive orders in the room below. Also, that printed copies of the Address of Welcome and Response could now be had.

Mrs. Hollister spoke of the death of Mrs. Mary A. Woodbridge, Corresponding Secretary of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union; and, on motion of Mrs. Aiken, Mrs. McCabe was appointed to prepare a suitable memorial to the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

A motion to adjourn prevailed; and the session closed with a prayer and benediction by Rev. B. C. Conner.

MONDAY EVENING.

THE services opened with the singing of "Scatter Sunshine;" after which Miss Corbin gave a most graphic description of the kind of work done by the deaconesses connected with the different Homes of the Society, and touched all hearts as she pictured the suffering and destitution of those among whom they labored.

Mr. George Krous favored the audience with a solo, "The pilgrims throng thro' the city gates;" and, in response to an encore, sang, "O lay down thy burden."

Mrs. I. D. Jones, of Cincinnati, gave an interesting account of the different departments of mission work in connection with Glenn Home.

A solo, "Help us in danger," was rendered by Miss Estella McGee, to which the audience gave charmed attention.

Dr. Buoy, of Philadelphia, then addressed the audience upon the theme of the evening, "Deaconess Work;" and presented so clearly and impressively the need of this form of work, and the opportunity which it won for the presentation of the gospel to many hearts and homes, that none could doubt but that it was designed to answer, in part at least, the question, "How shall the masses be reached with the gospel?"

TUESDAY MORNING.

THE session opened with the singing of the hymn, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms."

The minutes of the previous session were read by Mrs. Albright, and approved.

Mrs. Hollister requested that the Committee on By-laws be excused. Granted.

Ladies Bramley, Boswell, Roach, and Thompson were appointed Tellers.

On motion of Mrs. Green, the ballot was ordered for the election of Provisional Managers.

The ballots were collected, and the Tellers retired to count.

Pending their report, Miss Evans made an appeal for increased subscriptions to *Woman's Home Missions*.

Mrs. J. I. Boswell offered a resolution that the Committee on Program arrange that one session at the next Annual Meeting be devoted to the consideration of questions relative to Conference organization and work.

Referred to the Committee on Program.

Mrs. Rust presented an invitation from the National Council of Women that fraternal delegates be sent to this body, and moved that Mrs. H. M. Teller and Mrs. William Springer be the delegates; and the motion was carried.

Mrs. Negus gave the report of the Committee on Day of Humiliation and Prayer; and, on motion, this Special Committee, with Mrs. Hickman added, was continued.

Mrs. Rust offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That contiguous Conference Societies be encouraged to associate themselves together in groups of two or more for purposes of organization, and to nominate an organizer, who shall be elected by the General Executive Board, or the General Board of Managers, whose duty it will be to co-operate with the officers in these Conferences, to provide for the forming of Auxiliaries in the unorganized charges within their bounds.

That when the Conference contingent fund is not adequate, the expenses of the organizer may be provided for under the By-law, Sections 19 and 20.

A free discussion followed as to limitation of this new departure, the financial responsibility, and the merits of this kind of organization.

Mrs. Green moved that Conferences which desired, shall be permitted to group themselves as recommended. Carried.

On motion of Mrs. Boswell, the whole matter relative to the grouping of Conferences, and the appointment of organizers, was referred to the General Executive Board.

The Tellers reported the following ladies as nominees for the office of Provisional Managers: Mrs. J. M. King, having received 55 votes; Mrs. G. W. Mansfield, 53; Mrs. Samuel Hamilton, 51; Mrs. E. L. Albright, 50; Mrs. H. M. Teller, 50; Mrs. J. P. Negus, 50; Mrs. Henry Wade Rogers, 39.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot for the ladies named, and they were declared elected.

Mrs. Roach moved that some ladies, to be known as general organizers, should be appointed; and, on motion, the selection of these ladies was referred to the General Executive Board.

In harmony with By-law 23, for Bureaus, Mrs. Aiken presented the names of Secretaries of Bureaus, and they were confirmed.

Mrs. Bishop Walden, declining to serve as Secretary of the Bureau for East Central States, the appointment of her successor was referred to the General Executive Board.

Mrs. Slayback, declining to serve as Secretary of the Bureau for Immi-

grants, the filling of the vacancy was referred to the General Executive Board.

On motion, Mrs. W. C. Herron, Mrs. James Dale, and Mrs. Richard Dymond were elected Auditors.

On motion, Mrs. Ampt was appointed Railroad Secretary.

Mrs. E. L. Albright, on motion, was elected editor of the Annual Report. By request of Mrs. Albright, the number of Reports to be published was considered, also the place of publishing; and it was ordered that 13,000 copies be published at the Western Book Concern in Cincinnati.

On motion, Mrs. H. C. McCabe was elected editor of the *Woman's Home Missions*, and Miss Mary Belle Evans, publisher.

Mrs. Bramley moved that no matter for the Annual Report be received after December 1st, which motion prevailed.

On motion, the body adjourned, and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. B. C. Conner.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

THE session opened at 2 o'clock, with singing "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms," and "Forever here my rest shall be," followed by earnest prayer, offered by Rev. Dr. Wilding, of Portland, Oregon, and Mrs. N. M. Brown. Three stanzas of "Step out on the promises" closed the devotional exercises.

Mrs. Negus moved that the Woman's Home Missionary Society prepare books for the use of Auxiliary officers. This motion was lost.

Adjourned for meeting of the Committee on Finance and Mission-fields.

Immediately after the adjournment of the Committee on Finance and Mission-fields, the Convention came to order at 4.15 o'clock. The President called Rev. Dr. Wilding, who had so faithfully represented the interests of the Portland Hospital and our deaconess work in that city, to the platform, saying she wished to give him the hand of the Convention, urging him to carry to his Western home the well wishes of the Convention, pledging him the well wishes and encouragement of the Society in every possible way.

The minutes of the morning session were read by Mrs. Albright, corrected, and adopted.

An expression of thanks from the ladies of the Mulberry Street Church Auxiliary for the gift of \$17 credited to their Auxiliary, in connection with the sale of the needlework of the Jesse Lee Home, Unalaska, signed by Mrs. Wood, Messina, was read by the President.

Mrs. E. L. Albright offered her resignation as Secretary of the Bureau for Texas, which was accepted.

On motion of Mrs. Everett, a rising vote of thanks was tendered Mrs. Albright for her faithful work.

The Recording Secretary, Mrs. Aiken, then submitted the following nominations of the General Executive Board for confirmation.

Mrs. E. L. Albright for Secretary of the Bureau for East Central States; Mrs. M. C. Hickman, Secretary of the Bureau for Texas; Mrs. W. A. Ingham, Secretary of the Bureau for Young People's Work; Mrs. G. W. Mansfield, Secretary of the Bureau for Immigrants.

These nominations were duly ratified.

On motion of Mrs. Bramley, the Secretary was appointed to convey an expression of appreciation of the services rendered the Society by Mrs. Hoyt, Mrs. Clark, and Mrs. Herron, and to express regret at their absence.

Mrs. Marcy reported for Mrs. Charles Scott, Chairman of the Committee on Place of Meeting, a most cordial invitation from the Auxiliary of the First Church, Evanston, Ill., to hold the next Annual Meeting of Board of Managers in that place. This invitation was signed by Mrs. Clara E. McCabe, President, and Mrs. Lyda Eddy Talmadge, Secretary.

An invitation of a cordial spirit was also received with appreciation from the First Church of South Bend, Ind.

On motion of Mrs. Roach, it was decided to accept the invitation from Evanston, with a rising vote of thanks.

Mrs. McCabe offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That in consideration of the arduous and efficient labors of Miss Ellen F. Tomkinson, in securing each month a concert lesson for use in Auxiliary monthly meetings, we express to her our warmest thanks therefor.

Resolved, That a Special Committee on Concert Lessons be created, of which Miss Ellen F. Tomkinson shall be Chairman, with power to nominate her Committee now.

On motion of Mrs. Potter, Miss Tomkinson was introduced to the Convention, and named the following Committee : Mrs. T. J. Everett, Mrs. W. E. Drake, Miss E. F. Tomkinson, and Miss C. F. Hoag. These nominations were confirmed.

Conference Secretary reports were then presented as follows : North Indiana Conference, read by Mrs. Bunyan, Treasurer; Northern New York, by Mrs. I. L. Hunt; Newark, by Mrs. J. I. Boswell; Louisiana, by Mrs. Colonel Springer; East Ohio, by Mrs. Hickman; Detroit, by Mrs. Hollister; New England, by Mrs. Floyd; Central New York, by Mrs. W. A. Brownell; Central Ohio, by Mrs. Edward Squires; and Illinois, by Mrs. Potter. Other Conferences were called, but no response was made.

Reference was made by Mrs. Fisk to the beautiful gift of needlework wrought by Mrs. Welkey, of Marion, Ind., a saintly woman, over sixty years of age, and which she presented to the North Indiana Conference Society, with the understanding that it was to be sold and presented to Mrs. Fisk, the money to go into the General Fund. Fifty dollars were thus realized, and the beautiful gift presented to Mrs. Fisk.

Mrs. Springer presented her credentials as a fraternal delegate from

he Non-partisan Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and the following greeting:

"To the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church:

"We bid you a hearty God-speed in all your earnest, self-sacrificing efforts to extend Christ's kingdom. ELLEN J. PHINNEY, President.
SADIE W. INGHAM, Gen'l Sec'y."

Mrs. Hollister moved that Mrs. Fisk be the delegate to the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, soon to be held in Cleveland, Ohio. The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was offered by Mrs. Rust:

Resolved, That the General Executive Board, acting with the Secretary of the Bureau for Mormons, be authorized to provide for the sale or lease of certain property in Utah not now required for missionary purposes, if, upon full investigation, such action seems advisable.

The following resolution was offered by Mrs. Potter, and adopted:

Resolved, That missionaries and teachers in the employ of this Society shall not, in representing their work to Auxiliaries, ask for money unless authorized to do so by the General Executive Board of this Society.

Resolved, That said missionaries and teachers shall send all moneys received by them to forward their work to the General Treasury of the Society, to be regularly disbursed therefrom.

The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Mr. Conner, and the Convention adjourned to meet at 7 o'clock P. M.

TUESDAY EVENING.

THE closing session of the Convention was called to order by the President at 7.30 o'clock. "There is a fountain filled with blood" was sung. Mrs. Simpson read fifteen verses of the thirteenth chapter of St. John, and led in prayer.

The minutes of the afternoon session were read by Mrs. Potter, corrected, and adopted.

Rev. Mr. Crow was received as fraternal delegate from the Pennsylvania Sabbath Law Association, in session in Williamsport.

Mrs. Wells presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Mrs. Fisk, Mrs. Rust, and Mrs. McCabe be appointed to bear the fraternal greetings of this body to the Convention, now in session, called the Centennial Celebration of the Pennsylvania Sabbath Law Association.

At the request of Mrs. McCabe, Secretary of the Bureau for Indians, the reading of this report was omitted from the program, owing to the lateness of the hour.

The report of the Bureau for Lectures and Home Missionary Reading Circle, in the absence of its Secretary, Mrs. Trissler, was read by Mrs. Wells, and, on motion, adopted.

The banner was presented to the Central New York Conference on a credit of one hundred and ninety members. In this record of well-doing, the Northwest Iowa Conference reported seventy-nine members. Mrs. Statham received the banner in words expressive of grateful appreciation.

The following report upon Beneficiaries was presented by Mrs. Williams, and adopted :

1. We recommend to individuals, bands, circles, and Auxiliaries the raising of special funds for the support of pupils as beneficiaries in our schools, provided the amounts do not exceed the sum annually appropriated to such schools by the Board of Managers.
2. That the amount per pupil do not exceed \$50.
3. That the number of beneficiaries in each school be determined by circumstances.
4. That all beneficiary funds go through Conference and General Treasurer, as do other funds.
5. That all beneficiary funds be held sacredly for the special purpose given; and that the Treasurer forward such funds as promptly as possible, and, in doing so, indicate to the superintendent of the school receiving them by whom they are sent; and if for special pupils, for whom they are contributed.

The report of the Committee on Mothers' Jewels Home, Mrs. A. R. Clark, Chairman, was read by the Recording Secretary; and, on motion, adopted.

By invitation of the Convention, Mrs. Spurlock read a most interesting paper pertaining to the work of the Mothers' Jewels Home, which was listened to with marked attention.

The report of the Committee on Bequest and Devise, Mrs. M. B. Hagans Chairman, was, in her absence, presented by Mrs. Aiken. This report was adopted, after the following corrections were made; namely, that the Tyler estate is in process of settlement, as reported by Mrs. Green; and that the Harriet Russell estate paid into the treasury \$450 during the month of May, as reported by Mrs. E. W. Simpson.

Mrs. Tregaskis read a paper conveying the gratifying intelligence that the bequest of Mrs. Mary Ann Wilkes would enrich our treasury to the amount of \$500, for the benefit of the Browning Home at Camden, S. C.

The report of the Bureau for Immigrants, Mrs. Slayback Secretary, was read by Mrs. Park, and gave an interesting summary of the Immigrants' Home. Adopted.

The report of the Bureau for Orientals, Mrs. L. P. Williams Secretary, was presented by Mrs. Rust, who described the great work done for Chinese and Japanese women on the Pacific Slope. This report was accepted.

The report of the Committee on Leaflets was given by its Chairman, Mrs. Marcy, and adopted.

Mrs. Hollister thought that such of our leaflets as do not furnish information to date should be revised.

In the absence of Mrs. Mather, Chairman of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence, Mrs. McCabe gave a verbal report, indicating the increase of interest in this feature of our work.

The Committee on Resolutions submitted a report, which, after correction, was adopted. (See Report.)

Mrs. Aiken presented the following, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this Convention join the Recording Secretary in an expression of appreciation of the faithful and efficient service rendered by the Assistant Secretaries in recording the Proceedings of the Thirteenth Annual Meeting.

The report of the Committee on Mite-boxes was read by Mrs. Aiken, in the absence of the Chairman, Mrs. Ampt; who, while acknowledging \$2,050.29 as total receipts, was of the opinion that full reports had not been sent her. The Northwest Iowa Conference was reported as the banner Conference. Mrs. Williams called attention to the fact that the Central Ohio Conference was second in rank. An animated discussion on the mite-box question, and methods of raising money through this agency, followed. On motion, the report was adopted.

Mrs. T. L. Tomkinson read the report of the Central Pennsylvania Conference, showing that eight new Auxiliaries were formed, and the funds raised were \$50 in advance of last year.

The report of Erie Conference was presented by its Secretary, Miss Cummings. The advance in the Conference had not been so much in the line of new work, as in the strengthening of the old, and a growing loyalty to the claims of the Society. The support of five beneficiaries is guaranteed, and this in excess of all its usual work. No sound of retreat on all its borders.

The report of the Minnesota Conference, Mrs. A. R. Thompson Secretary, was read by Mrs. E. Squires, and the Upper Mississippi by Mrs. Hedges. These reports were, on motion, adopted.

Mrs. May Leonard Wells favored the audience with a beautiful solo, "I will tell it to Jesus."

Mrs. Aiken read the following resolutions, which the Society had instructed Mrs. McCabe to prepare:

WHEREAS, With profound sorrow we have learned of the departure, from time to eternity, of our valued and distinguished friend and co-worker, the Corresponding Secretary of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, Mrs. Mary A. Woodbridge; therefore,

Resolved, That we recognize in her death the loss of a leader whose remarkable and varied attainments were consecrated to the cause of humanity, whose love for the Lord Christ, and faithfulness in his service, had long endeared her name to thousands in like fellowship of our own and other lands.

And while we bow in submission under this heavy stroke, as from a Father's hand, we rejoice in her noble record of service, and the blessed fruition upon which she has entered.

Also, Resolved, That we desire to express to our sister organization, the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, which has been so severely bereaved, our deepest sympathy, trusting that the Hand which has wounded will also heal, and fill the sad vacancy with a successor who shall possess the virtues and efficiency of our lamented sister, who was your devoted Secretary.

The report of the Committee on Finance and Mission-fields was submitted by Mrs. Green, and, on motion, adopted. (See Report.)

The Committee on By-laws submitted report, which, on motion, was adopted. (See Report.)

The Committee on Press reported verbally that reports of the Convention had been sent to twenty-four Church papers. The report was adopted.

A Committee on Revision of Constitution was appointed, to consist of ladies Rust, Williams, and Hollister. Notice of changes recommended should be published in *Woman's Home Missions* three months before the next Annual Meeting.

The minutes of the early part of the evening were read by Mrs. Aiken, and adopted. The minutes of the concluding order of business were read by Mrs. Albright, and adopted.

In response to a call, Dr. E. J. Gray came forward, and was greeted with the Chautauqua salute, and commissioned to bear a message of appreciation to Miss Hoag, whose attentions to the ladies had been replete with grace and courtesy. Dr. Gray expressed the great pleasure he had felt in attending the Convention, and his earnest wish that success might attend all efforts in behalf of the Society.

In like manner the Chautauqua lilies blossomed in beauty in greeting Rev. B. C. Couner, the pastor of Mulberry Street Church, who had been untiring in his efforts to promote the comfort of all present.

Rev. Mr. Wilcox, in response to a call, stated that he had been so impressed by what he had seen and heard of the work of the Society, that he was ready to announce himself as having been convicted and converted.

Rev. Mr. Piper, being called, expressed his belief that the coming man was—a woman; and spoke of his great desire for the speedy advent of two reforms; viz., the prohibition of the liquor-traffic, and the admission of women to General Conference.

After graceful greetings and thanks were extended Mrs. M. R. Crawford, Chairman of the Committee on Entertainment, and Mrs. Joseph Gann, President of Mulberry Street Auxiliary, the President, Mrs. Fisk, called the attention of the delegates to the fact that there had been encouragement all along the lines of work, and that the debt which had been of the General to the Special Funds had been greatly reduced; and with faith in God to go forward in the work, pledged them, by uplifted hands, to renewed consecration and effort.

"My faith looks up to Thee" was sung with spirit, and Mrs. Roach united all hearts in a prayer of thanksgiving for gifts and blessings bestowed, for the presence and influence of the Holy Spirit leading and restraining in the work of the meeting; and invoked the Divine power for consecration of hearts and lives to the service of the Master, and for a gracious revival in all the Churches of Williamsport.

A motion, by Mrs. Potter, to adjourn, prevailed, and the benediction was pronounced by Dr. Gray.

It is a pleasant duty to make mention of the admirable arrangements of the Methodist ladies of Williamsport in providing for the welfare of all guests in homes characterized by a refinement of hospitality most gracefully dispensed; and at the Church where a substantial and delicious luncheon was daily served, amidst a profusion of flowers, whose fragrance and beauty were excelled only by the courtesy and cordiality of the ladies representing the following Churches: Pine Street, High Street, and South Williamsport served lunch on Wednesday and Thursday; Grace, Newberry, and Fourth Street served on Friday and Saturday; Mulberry Street, Third Street, Duboistown, and Montoursville on Monday and Tuesday.

MRS. F. A. AIKEN, RECORDING SECRETARY.

MRS. B. S. POTTER,

MRS. E. L. ALBRIGHT,

MRS. C. S. GARRISON,

MRS. E. B. GREEN,

Assistants.

Report of Corresponding Secretary,

MRS. R. S. RUST.

THE General Board of Managers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society has assembled in annual session for the thirteenth time in its history, to hear reports of what has been accomplished during the past year, and receive such suggestions in the improvement and extension of our work as a careful study of the field, and a varied experience in conducting its affairs, may enable its officers to submit.

In Memoriam.

As we pause a moment in reading our report, look over this large audience, rejoice in the presence and sympathy of these dear friends—whom we have often met in counsel, prayer, and toil—our heart grows sad at the thought that we shall never all meet again on this side of the river. Each successive Annual Report will have its memorial column, in which the death of our departed members may be announced, their useful lives and triumphant deaths recorded, and the glorious reunion in heaven of our consecrated workers for Christ and the poor may be anticipated.

Death has entered the homes of many of our officers and members, and severe illness has interfered with the duties of others.

At almost every Annual Meeting we have been favored with the presence and co-operation of our lamented sister, Mrs. R. W. P. GOFF. At the organization of the Philadelphia Conference Society, in 1883, she became its President. In 1886 she was elected a member of the General Executive Board, and two years later was placed in charge of the Bureau for Mormons. After a lingering illness, on May 17th, she fell asleep in Jesus.

The eloquent and inspiring voice of our dear sister, Mrs. JANE BANCROFT ROBINSON, on whom the Church depends so largely for the establishment and guidance of our deaconess work, has been silent for several months from severe illness, and recently she has been deeply afflicted by the death of her gifted and beloved mother.

After a brief illness, the mother of Mrs. GEORGE H. THOMPSON, a beautiful Christian woman, loved and cherished by all, peacefully went to rest in July.

Mrs. JAMES DALE, our faithful Secretary of Supplies, was bereaved of her mother early in the summer, and severe illness of her son kept her many weeks at his bedside.

Ripe in years and rich in Christian experience, the mother of Mrs. E. L. ALBRIGHT, early in the summer, quietly passed on to the inheritance of the saints in light.

Mrs. DWIGHT, long the efficient Secretary of the New England Conference Society, lost her sainted mother and noble brother during the year.

Miss HANNAH HAVEN, who was one of the first to welcome the Woman's Home Missionary Society to New England, and raise its standard in that Conference, and whose intelligent and influential advocacy of its claims, as Manager, has done so much to advance its interests, went home to heaven in August.

Mrs. JAMES MATHER, the first Corresponding Secretary of the New England Southern Conference Society, and always one of our wisest and most faithful counselors, is in deep sorrow for her sainted companion, who in triumph exchanged earth for heaven early in the summer.

Mrs. P. M. ROGERS, of the same Conference, mourns her husband, who was an influential and true friend of the Society.

Mrs. BECKWITH, a Manager in the New England Conference, laments a beloved daughter.

Mrs. J. L. BAKER, President of the Erie Conference Society from its organization, and always faithful at her post of duty, is bereft of an only son.

Mrs. ROBINS, the successful Corresponding Secretary of the Wyoming Conference Society, has recently been stricken by a severe and dangerous illness.

Mrs. E. E. OCUMPAUGH, the efficient and trusted Treasurer of the Genesee Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society from its organization, is detained from this meeting by the serious illness of her honored and beloved husband.

Mrs. WILLIAM GOODMAN, Jr., has been bereaved of a sister, beautiful in life and triumphant in death.

Two members of the New Jersey Conference Board, Mrs. C. MARSH and Mrs. A. SICKELS, have been bereaved of their companions. The Upper Iowa Conference Society has been afflicted by the death of a District Manager, and of its Secretary of Reading Circles; the Troy Conference, by the death of a District Secretary. The Vice-President of the Colorado Conference Society has lost a beautiful daughter; Mrs. J. L. COULTER, President of the Cincinnati District, a brother; and the Vice-President of the New York Conference Society, a daughter.

Mrs. BISHOP MORRIS, so long the faithful Secretary of the Cincinnati Conference Society, and whose voice has been so often heard in our Annual Meetings, has suffered a long and dangerous illness.

Miss ROSAMOND B. HAM, Treasurer of the Newark Conference Society, a woman of symmetrical character and rare efficiency, has been called from labor to reward.

Mrs. A. V. P. ADAMS, Corresponding Secretary of the Southeast Indiana Conference Society, mourns both her father and mother; and the Southern California Conference has lost a Vice-President, Mrs. M. A. GIBSON.

The families of many of our Conference and Auxiliary Boards have been afflicted with severe illness, and to all these sorrowing friends we extend sincere sympathy.

FINANCIAL CRISIS.

The Society, in view of the financial pressure, entered upon the work of the year with much solicitude. After prayerfully considering the needs of our several mission-fields, the Board of Managers felt that we could not abandon, or even withdraw temporarily from, any of our work. Where the obligation had been assumed and missions inaugurated, to retire or seriously retrench, even for a time, might sacrifice what had already been accomplished. Our Auxiliaries have never failed, in the hour of need, to meet their obligations; but have responded to our appeals as the exigencies of the cause demanded. The appropriations were made as usual, and the result has justified the Board in its faith in God and in the women of our Church.

While many of the benevolent organizations of our own and other denominations, that they might not become involved in debt, have felt obliged to cut down their expenses by closing missions and schools and reducing salaries, our Society, by strict economy and careful management, has succeeded in limiting our expenses to our income without closing a single school or mission. Fearing the effect of the money panic upon our treasury, the Executive Board suggested, at an early date, that our missions and schools should be closed the 1st of May—the time that most of the Church-schools are closed—and that the teachers receive half-salary for the time taught beyond this date. Our missionaries cheerfully acquiesced in this arrangement, remembering that their sisters all over the Church were rendering valuable service to the Society without compensation. It is a source of gratification that the average reduction for the year was less than five dollars for each teacher.

The year has been one of unusual labor, care, and responsibility. The work is constantly growing, and demands increased effort and watchfulness. The Bureaus are agencies through which an important part of the work of the Corresponding Secretary is conducted. When a Bureau officer, for any cause, lays down the burden, it must be taken up by the General Secretary. The removal, by death, of the late Secretary of the Bureau for Mormons, at a time of important changes in the field, left a large correspondence of unusual responsibility to be cared for. The Deaconess Bureau, also, was providentially left without the guidance of its talented Secretary early in the summer. Serious illness or other providential preoccupations have interfered with the duties of other Bureau officers. Holding these varied lines as best we could, and endeavoring to meet the responsibilities as they crowded upon the office, we have been oppressed by our want of time and strength properly to discharge these important duties. Amid it all, we have been encouraged and sustained by the kindness, patience, and sympathy of our sisters, and the approving smiles and guidance of our Heavenly Father.

FISCAL YEAR.

The change made last fall in the date of closing the year, from October 15th to July 15th, makes our Annual Report include only nine instead of twelve months; and this fact should be regarded in contrasting the result of the present year with the preceding one. The Auxiliary and Conference Societies, which have been in the habit of completing collections for both the General and Special Funds in October, were obliged to readjust their plans of finance, in order to raise as much money as possible in the brief period of time to secure the successful prosecution of our work. Comparing the receipts of the year just closed with the corresponding months of the preceding one, the results show a considerable advance. In view of the abbreviated year and the embarrassments of the financial world, we have great cause for gratitude to God and to the friends who have contributed so generously in securing this encouraging result.

At the end of the fiscal year which closed October 15, 1893, the General Fund of the Society was in debt to its Special Fund \$28,401.36. In addition to meeting all demands under the appropriation for the year, we paid on the debt to the Special Fund \$15,493.44, leaving only \$12,907.32. There was also a mortgage-note of \$5,000 against the Society on property donated, and notes for money borrowed for the extension of the work, amounting in all to \$14,633.63. On these claims \$4,500 was paid, leaving the outstanding debt \$10,133.33. To reduce this, there remained in the treasury, July 15, 1894, \$4,174.

APPROPRIATIONS AND WORK OF THE YEAR.

At the last Annual Meeting, the Society made appropriations for the support of 70 missionaries; 40 industrial homes, schools, and missions; 12 deaconess homes; 9 important missions under the direction of the Bureau of Local Work; the Industrial Home in Alaska; for beneficiaries in 13 industrial schools; for the necessary repairs and improvements of property, insurance, etc.; and for the fulfillment of pledges already made for the erection of buildings for mission purposes amounting to \$129,627.

The unconditional appropriations made by the General Board of Managers, October, 1893, amounted to \$61,132, an increase of \$14,524 over the unconditional appropriations of the preceding year. The receipts of the Society were: Cash, \$82,756; and by voucher, \$15,473.38—not including gifts of property.

The conditional appropriations, those depending upon special collections or gifts, were \$64,495. In a few cases, our expectations were not realized; but the moneys received from gifts and donations, which had not been anticipated, as Mr. Sibley's gift of \$10,000 for the hospital at Washington; the Watts de Peyster property at Tivoli, New York, \$60,000; and Mrs. Allen's gift of \$1,000 for work at Asheville—donations not reckoned in the appropriations—have contributed to swell the conditional receipts to a sum far beyond the estimated appropriations, furnishing an occasion of unfeigned gratitude and joy to our anxious hearts.

Reports of the Secretaries of the several Bureaus will furnish valuable information in regard to the mission-field and suggestions for the appropriations necessary to the efficient prosecution of the work. In this report we will only note unexpected donations and enterprises providentially developed during the year, and such features and claims of the movement as seem to demand especial mention.

Watts de Peyster Industrial School and Home.—This is situated at Tivoli, on the Hudson, ninety miles above the city of New York. We are indebted for this magnificent property to the kind services of the Rev. Dr. James M. King, who solicited of General de Peyster the purchase of the institution for the Society. In a letter written to Dr. King, May 27, 1894, the general says: "Yesterday I purchased the Trinity School property. It was providential that you wrote me last Sunday with the proposition you made. Up to that time I had no idea of buying the property. I wish you would call it the Watts de Peyster Industrial School and Home, because I owe my life's happiness, and more, to my mother's father—John Watts." The property is free from incumbrance, and is estimated by judicious real estate men to be worth \$60,000. The buildings are very valuable and complete in their appointments, with accommodations for 150. They consist of the main building for residence and school purposes; separate buildings for laundry, gymnasium, and assembly rooms; an ice-house, of large capacity, scientifically constructed for cold-storage purposes; barns, stables, and other outbuildings. A wind-mill furnishes water for the buildings, and for irrigation purposes for the farm. This consists of nine acres, well stocked with fruit, and adapted to gardening purposes. The institution is under the special care of the New York Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society, and will be used for the accommodation of Italian girls and other neglected children. General de Peyster says he "makes the gift because he believes that the Methodists keep in touch with the people."

The **Deaconess Home in San Francisco**, which a year ago was closed from the effects of an epidemic, has been reopened under favorable circumstances. A bequest of \$1,000 has been received for the support of the enterprise. The superintendent is a graduate of the Lucy Webb Hayes Training-school.

The **Aldrich Memorial Deaconess Home** is the first edifice erected by our Society for this specific branch of our work. It is a beautiful building, and well adapted to the accommodation of the workers. Nine thousand dollars has been collected and expended for this enterprise, through the personal effort of Mrs. W. G. Aldrich.

At **Baltimore**, where the deaconess work has been conducted in a rented building, valuable property, well adapted to the purposes of the Home, was purchased at a cost of \$10,000, which was very low, considering its value. This places the enterprise upon a substantial basis, and gives promise of great usefulness.

At **Pittsburg** a commodious and substantial dwelling-house has been secured on very reasonable terms for the accommodation of the deaconesses.

The financial management of the Home has been particularly successful. The prospect of doing a great and good work here is very encouraging.

At **Portland, Oregon**, the Deaconess Home is associated with the Hospital and is under the care of the Conference Board, which desired our Society to accept the Hospital also when it placed the Deaconess Home under its care. The work is prospering, and it is expected that a widespread influence in behalf of the Church will be exerted by this agency.

Bennett Industrial Home, Clarkson, Miss., for white girls, which was reported last year through the Local Bureau, has been transferred to the Society. The school has been successfully continued by the generous gift of \$400 by Mrs. Ziba Bennett, whose contributions inaugurated and have sustained it to the present time. The property, consisting of an industrial home and five acres of land, has been conveyed to our Society. Eighteen girls during the last year were in the Industrial Home, which is associated with the school of the Freedmen's Aid Society. The family now consists of twenty-three girls and the Superintendent.

The success of this Home and school illustrates the advantage of placing such institutions in locations destitute and desirous of school advantages. The total expense, including the finishing and furnishing of the building, salaries and incidentals for three years, has been less than \$1,500, while its influence is felt throughout that region as an inspiration for better living and higher education.

At **York, Nebraska**, the new building for the Children's Home, plans for which were approved last year, is in process of erection, according to the terms of the appropriation, and it will be completed at an early date. This will meet the needs of this interesting mission, and will furnish accommodation for a large number of neglected children.

At **Asheville, N. C.**, the demand is urgent for increased accommodations, and it has been a source of embarrassment that one of our buildings projected several feet upon an adjoining lot. We are glad to announce that the opportune donation of \$1,000, by Mrs. Marriage Allen, of London, England, whose previous generosity toward this mission is highly appreciated, enabled the Board to purchase the lot. This protects the property, and furnishes a suitable site for the needed additional buildings. This school is accomplishing great good, and with a larger appropriation its influence might be much increased.

At **Washington, D. C.**, the generous gift of \$10,000, by William Sibley, Esq., for a hospital, has made it possible to erect a much-needed building for hospital purposes in connection with the Lucy Webb Hayes Training-school for Missionaries. The building is attractive in appearance, arranged on scientific principles, and is admirably adapted to the needs of the institution. It is well furnished with the most approved equipments, and offers excellent facilities for the training of nurses and the preparation of missionaries.

A marble tablet in the hall bears an inscription which dedicates the hospital to the memory of Dorothea Lowndes Sibley, the lamented wife of

the donor. It was opened October 1st, and dedicated October 19th, with interesting services.

Mr. Sibley has taken a deep interest in this philanthropic enterprise from the first, and has watched its progress with prayerful solicitude, grateful to God for the part he has been permitted to take in establishing an institution for the relief of the suffering and the needy.

The **National Training School for Missionaries**, at Washington, D. C., has recently been incorporated, so as to include "the Lucy Webb Hayes Deaconess Home, the Sibley Hospital, and other departments as they may be provided." The object of the corporation will be greatly aided by the Bible Training-school for the preparation of deaconesses, evangelistic and Sabbath-school workers; by an Orphanage; a School of Domestic Science; a normal training department for kindergarten and kitchengarden methods, and by other helpful agencies. It is provided that "the property shall be held by a Board of nine Trustees, elected by the General Board."

Provision is also made for a **National Committee**, consisting of one or more ladies in each Conference Society, to be nominated by the Conference Board and elected by the General Board of Managers. It shall be the duty of this Committee to secure pupils and funds for the school.

In the interest of economy and efficiency, we recommend that our missionaries be educated in such an institution, and that Deaconess Homes be conducted as Homes, and not as schools. The mental discipline and practical instruction essential to success in this work can not be secured without protracted and systematic study, under the direction of competent teachers, with the aid of libraries, apparatus, and the varied appliances of a well-equipped school. These involve an expense that would not be justified except where large numbers may profit by the advantages. Transportation is easy, and the school should maintain such relations with the several Deaconess Homes, and with the pastors throughout the country, that it may be depended upon to furnish well-qualified workers, whether a pastor's assistant, the superintendent of a Home, a general missionary, or a kindergarten or industrial teacher is required.

NATIONAL DEACONESS CONVENTION.

The first midsummer gathering for consultation and encouragement in behalf of deaconess work, under the auspices of the Society, was held at Ocean Grove. Twelve Deaconess Homes and Boards of Management were represented by fifty-three delegates. The Convention was held August 6th and 7th, preceding the Annual Meeting of the Ocean Grove Woman's Home Missionary Society, August 8th. The attendance at the several sessions was large, the discussions and conferences were interesting and profitable, and the feeling was generally expressed that such a meeting should be held annually.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONS AND THE DEACONESS AT WORK.

The latter has been published at Washington for two years, under the auspices of the Training-school and Lucy Webb Hayes Deaconess Home

Committee, and has secured an influential circulation. Early in the winter, a proposition was received to unite this paper with *Woman's Home Missions*. A Special Committee was appointed to consider the question, which met the Washington Board, and recommended the continuance of *The Deaconess at Work* until July, as a separate paper, and afterward that the two should be issued jointly.

LITERATURE.

We would reiterate our recommendations of last year in regard to *leaflets*. We believe that a systematic and more extended circulation of information in this form will be profitable. Other benevolent societies find it to their advantage to distribute millions of pages of their publications. Our office in Cincinnati will, in future, furnish letters of missionaries on application for the entertainment of Auxiliary and other meetings.

Home Missionary Reading Circle.—This course of reading is commanding itself to the interest and judgment of our friends generally. It includes just the books that every intelligent person desires to read; and we commend it to our Auxiliaries, to be used as a circulating library, and also recommend that our friends exert themselves to secure the introduction of these books into all our Sunday-school libraries. The Secretary of this Bureau will communicate all necessary information.

The **Lucy Webb Hayes Memorial** volume is a fascinating history; is particularly calculated to exert an elevating influence over youth, and is admirably adapted to Sabbath-school libraries and gifts; and the entire proceeds go to the aid of the Training-school at Washington.

Deaconesses in Europe and Their Lessons for America, by Mrs. Robinson, Secretary of our Deaconess Bureau, is a most valuable book, and should have a place in all our libraries, and go with the Reading Circle books into the circulating library of the Auxiliary.

THE SOCIETY'S RELATION TO THE CHURCH.

The Constitution of the Society defines its object as follows: "To enlist and organize the women of Methodism for mission-work in this country." It is specified that its duty is in behalf of the needy peoples of all sections and of all races residing in the United States and Territories.

The methods of promoting organization and of conducting the work are clearly set forth in the Constitution. The officers are required "to use all proper means to awaken missionary interest and zeal;" "to attend the sessions of the Annual Conference, in order to interest ministers and women in the work of the Society," and "to organize Auxiliary Societies in the various charges throughout the Church." The Society was incorporated in 1884, and has been frequently approved by the authorities of the Church. It has established its organizations in a majority of the Conferences, secured valuable property for its use, and has successfully inaugurated mission work in destitute portions of our country. This service is reported annually to the Mission Committee of our Church, and every four years to the General Conference. So long as the Society conducts its work in harmony with its

Constitution and Charter, and employs all reasonable effort to promote its interests, it will not be embarrassed in any way that will change its field, cripple its energies, or prevent its usefulness.

The Society is responsible for the culture of the field assigned to and assumed by it. Within the short period of its history, conditions have materially changed in the frontiers. The movement of populations is such that in several States more than half the people are found in cities. It is probable that in less than twenty years more than half the population of the United States will be crowded within city walls, and the South and West will present the same problems of massed populations that the North and East do now. The census reports show that in 1860 in the South only one-seventh of the people was in cities, while in 1890 one-fourth was urban. At present, any one of several of our large cities has a population of foreigners of different nationalities sufficient in number to make a city equal in size to any in their respective countries. They have populations living in conditions of indescribable squalor and wretchedness, equaling in number the inhabitants of a large Western territory. These are infected by principles and prejudices that are a fearful menace to the Government and the Church. The homes are the real centers of the influences determinative of the character of the people, and these can only be successfully elevated by the influence of Christian women.

Our Society must do what it can to meet the obligation of the Church to cities. It commenced its work on the frontiers, and, certainly, the principles that are worth planting in the West are worth maintaining in the East. Ten years ago the Board appropriated almost its total income to the frontiers. Five years ago one-seventh, and last year three-fifths of the entire appropriations were donated to city and immigrant populations; and the Society owns property in Deaconess Homes, and other buildings for the accommodation of its city and immigrant missions, estimated at \$200,000.

Thus far we have followed providential leadings, and, from present indications, within ten years the mission work that will claim the attention of the women of Methodism will be essentially in cities. It is therefore in the interest of economy and harmony that the Church should utilize this great connectional organization, as far as possible, for woman's work in the home mission-field. The objects and methods are the same, whether the missionary employed wears the garb of a deaconess, or, simply clad in the armor of a meek and Christ-like spirit, goes out to do His work. The women of Methodism can not afford to bear the burden of a new organization for home missions.

OUR OBLIGATION.

Public collections are taken in the Churches by pastors in behalf of the benevolent societies of the Church, except the Woman's Foreign and Home Missionary Societies. It is understood that every woman contributes according to her ability to these collections. But for the support of these two organizations a different plan has been provided. The work of these Societies

is essential to the prosperity of the Church, supplementing, as they do, the other benevolences.

Pastors everywhere need the organized effort of women in local mission work; and, on the other hand, these organizations can not accomplish their greatest usefulness without the friendly co-operation of pastors. Hence we feel that the Church and its ministers everywhere should help us enlist the entire available force of the women for our country's redemption. This department of home mission work, having been intrusted to the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and it having assumed the obligation, God and the Church will hold our women responsible for the faithful fulfillment of the sacred trust. We should prayerfully consider whether our Society has failed in the discharge of its duty in this respect. If the trust has not been met, if we have neglected to organize where we might have done it, let us deplore the neglect, and see if we can not in the future enthusiastically meet our constitutional and religious obligations.

ORGANIZATION.

The Society had, October, 1893, 2,285 Auxiliaries and 65,773 members in seventy-five Conference organizations. These figures indicate a small increase over the preceding year. While the advance is creditable, it is far below what it should have been. In several important Conferences, comparatively few Auxiliaries have been formed, and the work of the Society is imperfectly understood or appreciated by the membership at large. A careful comparison of the statistics of organization and receipts from the several Conference Societies, with the number and resources of charges that should have been enlisted, will furnish valuable suggestions in extending our work.

Placing our Conference Societies in groups, October, 1893, 18 had over 50 Auxiliaries: Northwest Iowa, 97; Cincinnati, 91; Detroit and New England, 89 each; Central New York, 88; Erie, 78; Michigan, 70; Troy and Central Ohio, 66 each; Genesee, 63; East Ohio, 62; Northern New York and Upper Iowa, 60 each; Baltimore, 54; Illinois, 53; and Philadelphia and Vermont, 51 each. Another group of 21 Societies has from 25 to 50 organizations each. Ten have from 15 to 25, and 26 have less than 15 Auxiliary Societies. The first group of 17 Conference Societies aggregates 1,188 Auxiliaries, and raised last year \$67,192. These 17 Conferences contain 3,850 charges, with 648,715 Church members. It will be seen that in this most prosperous group of Conferences—2,662 charges—more than two-thirds are without Woman's Home Missionary organizations. The next group of 21 has 738 Auxiliaries, which raised last year \$36,018 for our Society. These Conferences contain 3,983 charges, with 723,805 members. The third of 10 has 211 Auxiliaries. These raised last year \$8,530. The same Conferences have 1,550 charges, with 147,111 members. The fourth of 26 Conference Societies has only 148 Auxiliaries, and raised only \$3,123, while these same Conferences contain 2,453 charges, with 238,778 members. Thus it is seen that in these 75 Conferences, which contain 11,836 charges, four-fifths are without organizations of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

While there are many charges in these Conferences that could afford to give but little for outside missionary work, there is not a Church in any Conference of the denomination but would be benefited by an organization of its women for missionary and benevolent purposes, and there is hardly anywhere a charge where we could not find women competent to form and conduct intelligently an Auxiliary of the Society, and where it would not be a benefit to the women to be banded together for prayer and effort in behalf of this cause. The organization is sufficiently flexible to become an easily adjusted agency in the strengthening of the Church. In weak charges in mission sections, if the Society does nothing more than co-operate with the general organization in the distribution of supplies of clothing to needy ministers and Sabbath-schools, it would accomplish great good, and lift a burden from many a desolate heart.

THE NEED OF THE HOUR.

We have depended in the past largely upon the intelligence of the people as to the conditions existing in our cities and the frontiers—conditions which menace the prosperity of our Government, and prevent the successful establishment and support of the Church. We have hoped that the motive of self-interest, if not a higher one, would prompt to action in this behalf, and secure the necessary movement. In view of the facts and of our obligations, to delay longer would be hazardous.

Wherever there is failure along the line of organization, we should send intelligent representatives, who will enlighten the people and enlist co-operation. We would suggest that a competent woman may be selected to serve as organizer within the bounds of two or more Conferences, co-operating with the officers of these Conference Societies in the extension of the work. She might divide her time between them, and the work might be provided for under the By-laws, when the Conference Contingent Fund of the Society is inadequate. By appointment, she could have the authority of the General Executive Board, or of the General Board of Managers, to present the work in these Conferences throughout their unoccupied territory. Being resident in them, she could easily continue a fostering relation to the new Auxiliaries, thus avoiding the objection that the work of a general organizer sometimes fails in permanency for the lack of this sustaining personal interest. This co-operation in organization having been established in the group of Conferences so associated, general, or union, meetings could be held at some convenient central point, when desirable, and these meetings would become centers of inspiration for the workers.

Our sisters of the Foreign Missionary Society have always a large force of returned missionaries in this country, whose presence is utilized for the objects of organization and the raising of funds. Every Conference is thoroughly canvassed by good speakers, who circulate information in regard to foreign fields so systematically that the Church understands quite thoroughly the needs of foreign lands.

Our home missionaries are at their posts of service, and can not give much attention to organization. Our funds have been carefully devoted to sustaining the established work. We are fully convinced that the time has come when it will be wiser policy for us to spend more effort, and, if need be, more money, for the promotion of organization and the circulation of missionary intelligence. Our people, generally, are not yet awakened to the importance of this question, and inspired with due regard for their obligation toward this country. During the last year we have had experiences in several sections that are appalling as danger signals. We must improve our opportunity to show the relation between cause and effect from a missionary standpoint. People naturally shrink from the touch of the heathen in the next alley. No glamour of romance attaches to them. The dreadful realities and wretchedness, brought about by poverty and sin, are repulsive. We must awaken sympathy for these unfortunate brothers and sisters of ours, who, in the desperation of their darkened and distorted lives, would hurl firebrands into the homes of their more fortunate neighbors.

It is essential, in order to awaken the Church, and especially the women of the Church, to the importance of this home-work, that we faithfully and systematically represent the conditions of need in our country, and, with the genuine and irresistible pathos of truth, appeal to patriot and Christian alike for the co-operation that is necessary to save it from infidelity and anarchy. For the love of Christ, and in his name, we must use the arguments that circumstances demand to vitalize latent energies, and organize for efficient effort the women of Methodism. The Church depends largely upon the efforts of its women for the influences necessary to secure the safety and the purity of our Nation, without which it can not hope to realize its mission as a potential agency in the conversion of the world.

CONCLUSION.

Having submitted a brief account of the year's work, and having offered such suggestions as seemed essential in securing the highest success in its future prosecution, we can not refrain from giving expression to the gratitude that fills our hearts for the achievements of the past year. During these severe times God has been with us, and has crowned our efforts with abundant success. Our Homes, schools, teachers, and missionaries have been favored with especial influences from on high. Many, through their efforts, have been brought to a saving knowledge of the truth, and have enlisted in Christ's service. The influence of our Homes is felt all over the land in rescuing the lost and in awakening them to a useful and holy life.

Our women give thanks to God for the opportunity given them of doing something to save our beloved country from the perils which threaten its overthrow. Never did this country appear so precious to us, to our families, and to the world, as at the present hour. It seems to us that in this great struggle between light and darkness, when the forces are so nearly balanced, women may do something to turn the scale for God and humanity; and in

this work we do rejoice, and consecrate ourselves anew to this grand mission. What we need most of all is a fresh baptism of Divine power. Our officers need it; our Auxiliaries need it; our missionaries and deaconesses need it; our schools and pupils need it. Prayer, sacrifice, effort, and liberality will secure it. May we all comply with the conditions, and await the generous outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon our Society!

STATISTICAL REPORT OF ORGANIZATION.

Notwithstanding the pressure of the times, the report of organization is encouraging. While seventy-nine of our Auxiliaries appear to have fallen out of line, the decrease of membership, including Auxiliaries, Circles, Bands, and Jewels, is only eight hundred and eighty-seven. In many cases the suspension is only temporary, and in others the officers have failed to report their work. This decrease is in part balanced in the lists of life members and honorary managers, which have realized to the Society over \$7,000. Counting all classes of membership, the decrease is only thirty-seven.

Blank forms will be sent quarterly, or annually, as preferred, for the use of Conference and Auxiliary officers. The failure of Auxiliary officers to forward reports promptly to the Conference officers, seriously embarrasses them, and it often happens that the lists of the Conference fail to show its real strength, because the Auxiliaries have not forwarded the statistics of their work.

The table indicates a decrease in the circulation of *Woman's Home Missions*, as reported by the Societies, while the report of the publisher, made at the Annual Meeting, and which must be correct, shows an increase; which suggests imperfect returns.

We trust that our friends will urge subscriptions for this most excellent paper. It has been enlarged and improved by a union with *The Deaconess at Work*, formerly published at Washington, D. C., which will be included as a department of the organ of the Society. This change will greatly enhance its usefulness and also add to the cost of publication. Since it will be furnished, in this more valuable form, for the same small subscription price of twenty-five cents, it will be necessary to increase largely the circulation in order to meet the additional expense; and it will prove one of the most efficient agencies in awakening interest in Home Missions.

We must again urge upon our friends the importance of care, when making bequests in behalf of the Society, to give the full name, *Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church*. This will avoid the possibility of embarrassment in settling estates, and will secure to our Society all donations intended for it by the donors.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

CONFERENCES.

AUXILIARIES.	MISSION CIRCLES.	MISSION BANDS.	MOTHERS' JEWELS.	WOMAN'S HOME MISS'NS.	
				Decrease	Increase
				No. of Subscribers	Decrease
Decrease				386	110
Increase				194	34
Honorary Patrons.....				3	3
Honorary Managers.....				9	9
Life Members.....				33	3
HOME MISSION READING CIRCLES.	Decrease.....	Increase.....	Membership	10	40
				50	4
				41	4
Baltimore,	2465	300	100	96	38
California,	552	29	37	50	34
Central Illinois,	11	197	55	41	34
Central Missouri,	3	43	23	37	34
Central New York,	85	3	1338	338	34
Central Ohio,	63	3	1256	132	34
Central Pennsylvania,	28	2	663	146	34
Cincinnati,	84	7	1689	85	34
Colorado,	27	6	478	8	34
Columbia River,	13	157	131	214	34
Dakota,	6	67	40	46	34
Des Moines,	5	145	46	46	34
Detroit,	84	5	2091	215	34
East Maine,	3	100	100	98	34
East Ohio,	62	1329	96	198	34
East Tennessee,	15	2	113	26	34
Erie,	68	10	1155	45	34
Florida,	10	2	90	41	34
Genesee,	64	1	1366	75	34
Holston,	4	4	170	25	34
Idaho,	3	3	42	2	34
Illinois,	40	13	400	40	34
Indiana,	14	14	208	40	34
Indian Mission	2	1	39	7	34
Iowa,	33	6	520	67	34
Kansas,	22	5	362	30	34
Kentucky,	3	1	70	7	34
Lexington,	2	2	77	30	34
Little Rock,	8	2	123	1	34
Louisiana,	6	3	431	53	34
Maine,	23	3		47	34

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Michigan,	183	301	301
Minnesota,	18	19	19
Missouri,	1	1	1
Nebraska,	19	17	17
Newark,	19	17	17
New England,	143	504	504
New England Southern,	66	82	82
New Hampshire,	86	117	117
New Jersey,	12	3	3
New Mexico Mission,	36	36	36
New York,	1	1	1
New York East,	12	11	11
Northern New York,	203	190	190
North Indiana,	69	334	334
North Nebraska,	23	2	2
North Ohio,	10	124	124
Northwest Indiana,	4	118	118
Northwest Iowa,	12	10	10
Northwest Kansas,	203	190	190
Northwest Nebraska,	69	250	250
Ohio,	10	124	124
Oregon,	39	34	34
Philadelphia,	1	1	1
Pittsburg,	108	387	387
Puget Sound,	49	49	49
Rock River,	51	141	141
St. Louis,	51	141	141
Southeast Indiana,	4	4	4
Southern Illinois,	5	5	5
South Kansas,	25	25	25
Southwest Kansas,	25	25	25
Tennessee,	5	5	5
Texas,	5	5	5
Troy,	16	16	16
Upper Iowa,	108	108	108
Upper Mississippi,	1	1	1
Vermont,	22	22	22
Virginia,	1	1	1
Washington,	10	10	10
West Nebraska,	10	10	10
West Texas,	10	10	10
West Wisconsin,	25	25	25
Wilmington,	29	29	29
Wisconsin,	29	29	29
Wyoming,	16	16	16
Totals,	2219	1482444693739530694652	143710792263

Reports from Bureaus.

BUREAU FOR EAST SOUTHERN STATES.

IN attempting to record the work of another year, we realize that, in many respects, it will be a repetition of the "old, old story." Yet to those who are interested, it will always seem fresh and new. While the year's labor has been crowned with success, the discouragements were many, and the trials great. One of our oldest missionaries writes that the last year will stand as the hard year of her life.

Were time and space allowed, we could give you incidents from each of our Homes that would thrill your hearts, and cause you to realize the importance of this work and the great amount of good that is being accomplished.

Thayer Home.

This Home is situated on the campus of Clark University, and works in harmony with that institution. Miss Flora E. Mitchell, its first superintendent, is still in charge. She was assisted during the past year by Miss S. E. Haygood. Twenty girls shared the privileges and advantages of the Home; while one hundred and twenty-nine received instruction in sewing, and were also instructed in other lines of work. The teachers and pupils paid for board, \$1,015.26. There was expended for incidentals, \$1,369.41; for painting, repairs, and improvements, \$225. We greatly desire to have this Home of ours take its proper position with the other departments of Clark University. We are not doing the work we should do to keep abreast with the demands of the times. Our appropriations need to be increased, and our corps of workers enlarged. Many of these girls come from our other Homes, where a good foundation has been laid and a fair education given. They and their mothers work hard, in order to make it possible for them to enter this Home, in order to secure advanced training in the various branches taught here. With rare exceptions, these have gone out to fill important positions among their own people. Let us fit them for the largest usefulness. It is due to them; it is due to ourselves.

Haven Industrial Home and School.

Mrs. Palen has kindly continued her supervision of the work in the Mary Haven Home at Speedwell. She writes that, notwithstanding the many causes for discouragement, the record has been equal to that of any previous year. They had an average of twenty-four girls in the Home during the school-year, and of eight during the vacation—the latter having no homes to which to go. The day-school numbers one hundred and eighty-one,—filling the school-rooms, and overflowing into sewing-room, dining-room, and kitchen. Our very efficient primary teacher was trained in Haven Home, in Thayer Home, and Clark University. She goes to Orangeburg this year, and will devote much time to music, as she intends to make that her profession. The closing exercises of the school were highly complimented. They were said to be the best of any in the city. The sewing department was successfully managed by a young colored woman, whose salary was paid from school receipts. From October to June the receipts were

\$403.41; expenses, \$428.27. The receipts from inmates of the Home, from October 1st to September 1st, were \$841.90. In addition to the daily routine of work, our three missionaries have made nearly five hundred visits to the sick and needy, have attended one hundred and sixty temperance and young people's meetings, and given one hundred and fifty Bible readings. The work is varied and unending. Our missionaries are often sent for in preference to any minister of the gospel.

The Speedwell work has held its own. The day-school numbered forty-five. From two to six girls have been in the Home with Miss Heron. This Home and school is a bright spot in that destitute neighborhood. Miss Heron made many visits among the people. She conducted delightful Christmas and Easter exercises in the church, which was beautifully decorated by the children. Only the future can reveal the amount of good that will come from this seed-sowing. Girls have gone out from our Homes to become good and true wives; others are filling honorable positions as teachers; and the little leaven is leavening the whole lump. One of our girls, after taking a course in nurse-training, is filling a position in the Colored Hospital of Savannah with great acceptability and success.

Boylan Industrial Home.

This Home is situated in Jacksonville, Florida. It is also fortunate in retaining its first superintendent, Miss Hattie E. Emerson. Her co-laborers during the past year were Miss Hattie E. Morehouse, Miss Barbara Jennings, and Miss Cora Bisbee. During the year twenty-five girls were cared for in the Home, and ninety-seven in the day-school. Notwithstanding the hard times, the careful management enabled the Home and school to return \$1,200 toward its own support—quite a remarkable showing.

During the year we were forced by circumstances to secure the adjoining corner-lot and cottage at a cost of \$3,000. With our depleted treasury, this was a serious problem to solve. An appeal to our true and tried friend, Mrs. A. DeGroot, brought to us a donation of \$2,000, for which we are very grateful. The remaining \$1,000 must be paid. Donations for this work will indeed be most timely. Friends, do not fail to help us now.

Emerson Memorial Home.

This Home is located at Ocala, Florida, and for the past two years has been in charge of Miss C. A. Jenkins and Miss Ella A. Karrer. Miss Jenkins's health failed, so that she was obliged to resign her position before the close of the year. The vacancy was filled by the appointment of Miss C. M. Buckbee, who had already had experience in our work. Miss Karrer was married soon after the close of the year, and now presides over her own home. Ten girls were cared for during the term, and forty-two in the day-school. The receipts from teachers and pupils, for board, amounted to \$321.55; from tuition, music, and sales, \$64.95—a very good showing under all the circumstances. This Home has had its peculiar trials, and there has been much that was discouraging. Yet good work has been done in the various departments, and the outlook for the future is encouraging. Emerson Home has been nearer self-supporting than any other Home in our Society.

It is our aim and hope to make all our Homes self-supporting as soon as possible. Our missionaries are laboring to that end, and often overtax their strength in order to save and make money for the maintenance of their work. They have saved hundreds of dollars for the Society; nor do they need to be urged on this line. The year has brought to our Bureau many blessings. We rejoice as we scan the reports from the different Homes, and note the good work that has been done in the various departments. Surely, God's blessing has rested upon our work. A large number

of girls have been converted; and they have shown by their lives that they were really changed in purpose, and in heart.

While we find so much to cheer and encourage, we feel that we are still resting under the shadow of the great sorrow which came, not only to Boylan Home and to our Bureau, but to the whole Society.—Miss Cora M. Bisbee is with us no more. In the height of her usefulness, and in the bloom of youth, she has passed from labor to reward. She is mourned as a sister beloved, and we say, "She is dead;" yet she lives, and will ever live in the hearts of the people for whom she labored and gave her young life. She impressed all with whom she associated that "she had been with Christ, and learned of him." This was the secret of her wonderful success. Said poor, old, blind Aunt Ginsey: "My heart is so hurted; how cane de Lord to take dear Miss Bisbee, who is so good to everybody, and leave a poor old woman like me, who ain't no account? But then she would n't want to come back; for dere's no sand dere for her to wade frough, and de sun is not hot, and de flowers is all white." Ah! the poor old soul had a glimpse of what John saw. While our missionaries were overwhelmed with grief, their hearts were comforted by many kind attentions from neighbors and friends. The pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, called to express sympathy and offer service. He said: "I have great respect for you, and for the work which you are doing. Were you doing this work in Africa, you would be considered heroines. I have no sympathy with those who would ostracize you." Such marks of appreciation are both cheering and encouraging, and show the progress of events. This minister stood with several colored ministers around Miss Bisbee's coffin, and assisted in the funeral services. Buried in flowers contributed by loving friends, the remains were sent to her loved ones on the Hudson. With aching hearts, our tired missionaries took up her work with theirs; and, though the load was heavy, they continued it till the close of the year. Miss Bisbee's heart was in our work. She had plans for extending its usefulness, which we would be glad to communicate to any who may be interested in her and her work.

The Southern people are feeling the pressure of the times even more than last year. Our Homes will need more done for them, perhaps, than ever before. Let us be just and generous; let us work as never before, sowing beside all waters; remembering that if "we will commit our ways unto the Lord, and trust in him, that he will bring it to pass."

SARAH M. Y. WHETSTONE, *Secretary.*

BUREAU FOR EAST CENTRAL STATES.

THE Industrial Homes at Orangeburg and Greensboro, and the Industrial Schools at Camden and Asheville, are under the supervision of this Bureau.

Simpson Home.

Miss Eva Penfield, the faithful superintendent for the last eight years, remains in charge of this Home, and Miss Lizzie Swager conducts the industrial department in connection with the university. The large number of pupils of higher grade of scholarship, who represent the most influential families of this section of the country, and who come under the influence of the industrial training of this Home, give special importance to this work. More than one thousand pupils are in attendance upon this school. The family in the Home during the year has consisted of thirteen persons. Ninety-seven were enrolled in the classes for plain sewing, forty-three for dressmaking, thirty-seven for cooking, and twenty-

eight for fancy or ornamental work. The industrial department here is conducted in a very economical manner, and receives very little beneficiary aid, being largely self-supporting, aside from the salaries of the teachers.

Kent Home.

The work here, under the efficient direction of Miss Mary Tripp, assisted by Mrs. A. L. Clark, who generously rendered most helpful service during the year, without salary, has been eminently successful, owing to the cordial co-operation between the ladies in the Home, and the faculty in the school. The Home was full to the extent of its capacity, and its influence for good among the people is all that could be desired. Miss Tripp, in October, 1894, was transferred to our mission among the Navajoes, at Jewett, New Mexico, and her place at Greensboro has been taken by Miss M. Lewis, a graduate of the Training-school at Washington, assisted by Mrs. A. L. Clark, who returns again to this post of duty, without salary. These ladies have charge of the industrial training, the house-keeping and the sewing departments of work, including the pupils of the Bennett Seminary, with which it is associated, as well as those of the Home; also they engage in missionary work in the vicinity. The success of the work during the past year has awakened an interest among the women of the Conference to organize Home Missionary Societies for the aid of the enterprise.

Browning Home.

The work here has been conducted along the same lines as the preceding year. The superintendent and teachers remain in charge of the several departments of the Home, the school, and the industrial work. The enrollment in the Home was twenty-two; in the day school, ninety-three, with an average attendance of eighty-one; and in the night school, forty-eight, with an average attendance of thirty-nine. Special attention is given to Bible study. The missionaries engage generously in house-to-house visitation among the sick and needy. The receipts from board and tuition render the work here largely self-supporting. The yearly balance, beyond all incidental expenses, which is applied under the appropriation, amounts to several hundred dollars. This enterprise, as also the one at Asheville, includes both a school and an Industrial Home. The tuition fees of day pupils give to these institutions an advantage in self-support, from this source of revenue, above the institutions which are purely industrial without the day-school attachment.

Asheville.

This school and Home was described in the report of the Chairman last year. The property, as indicated then, consists of two Industrial Homes and a school-building. One of these extended several feet beyond our line, and in order to protect the property it became necessary to purchase the adjoining lot. This was made practicable by the generous donation of \$1,000 given by Mrs. Marriage Allen, of London, England, who has repeatedly demonstrated her interest in this work by liberal gifts.

The general plans for the work outlined a year ago, we think, should be carried out. This arrangement of the school would make it meet the need for a special work in behalf of young women, not provided for in the public schools nor by private schools in the vicinity. Miss Dole continues in the work as superintendent; Miss Cozy Miller has charge of the school, and Miss Delavan of the kindergarten and industrial work.

MRS. J. M. WALDEN, *Secretary.*

BUREAU FOR WEST CENTRAL STATES.

Ritter Industrial Home.

WORK was begun upon the Ritter Industrial School building, at Athens, Tenn., in January, 1891, and the building was so nearly completed in the following September that the school was opened. It had, at the opening, seven pupils. In January the number had increased to eighteen, and by the end of the year the enrollment had reached twenty-five. The second year, 1892-3, the enrollment reached fifty. The past year, 1893-94, the school opened with twenty pupils. In January the number had reached thirty-nine, and the entire enrollment for the year was fifty-one, with an average attendance of thirty-three.

The past year has been one of hard work, but the school has been very successful. The superintendent, Mrs. F. V. Chapman, has by invitation visited some of the patronizing Conferences, and has met a most cordial reception from the ministers wherever she has gone. Confidence in the school was most positively and substantially expressed at the Holston Conference, in September of last year, by a pledge to the school, upon the Conference floor, of about \$100.

The ministers are our firm friends and loyal helpers, and only upon their recommendation as to moral and intellectual fitness and financial inability do we accept beneficiaries. We have made a special appeal to them to send us paying pupils, that we might be able to take those who have no money, for whom they themselves make pressing application. We have had, during the year, some girls who could pay nothing, and several who could pay but part of their board. Some who could not pay money have given other compensation. The father of one brought with his daughter a cow for the use of the Home in lieu of money, and, when the school closed, he took both cow and daughter home again. Some have brought wood; one mother has several times brought a basket of eggs; and one walked seven miles and brought a bucket of soft-soap, the only thing she had to bring. All would be glad to pay if it were possible.

Even when the board of a pupil is paid by the beneficiary aid of \$40 per year, the remaining expenses to the pupil are considerable. The railroad fare, the extra clothing, the shoes, the tuition in the university, the books and stationery, aggregate quite a sum still to be paid by the pupils themselves. So we are not *giving* pupils their education with no effort on their own part, even though we make them our beneficiaries. If we make the school benefit those for whom it was built, we must, for the present at least, give more or less beneficiary aid to a large proportion of the pupils. We have the house and all the appliances for training from fifty to seventy-five girls, and for the difference of a few hundred dollars it seems bad business policy to lose the use of our investment. The time may come when the school can be made self-supporting, but it can not be done now. The girls that come to us improve rapidly, and with help for two years, can go out to help themselves and the younger members of the family. Some who have been our beneficiaries are already out teaching; some have found other occupations. Several had employment engaged before school closed, and worked during the summer to get money to pay their tuition on their return in the fall.

The chairman of the Committee has received a detailed report each month, and has sent abstracts of these reports to the members of the Committee. She has audited all bills each month, and can assure this Board that the most rigorous economy has been practiced. She visited the school during Commencement week, in May last, and found the house and grounds in most beautiful order, and the school closing a prosperous year.

It seemed necessary to the Committee, in order to the successful prosecution of the academic work, that there should be a study-room in the Home, supplied with tables and chairs, where slates and books could be kept, and which should be always cool and quiet in summer, and warm and light in winter, to which girls could go for study any hour they had no other duties. The domestic duties and sewing necessarily take so much time that every available hour must be taken for study, lest the girls in the Home fall behind pupils who have nothing with which to divide their study hours. So we have this summer fitted up our kitchen as a study-room, and moved our kitchen to the laundry. We have enlarged the store-room for a laundry, and have brought into both house and laundry the city water. This has been done without any bills having been presented to our treasury.

The superintendent spent some time at Chautauqua during the summer vacation, and by the kindness of Mrs. Farrar, of Akron, Ohio, secured access to classes in Cooking, Physical Culture, Bible Study, and so on, at considerably reduced rates. She found the work in these classes, the lectures, and the conferences, a great inspiration; and by the kindness of friends, she had several opportunities of presenting our work in parlor meetings.

The school has opened this fall with every indication that we are entering upon our best year.

MRS. W. G. WILLIAMS, *Chairman.*

New Jersey Industrial Home for Girls.

THIS Home has not failed to fulfill its purpose during the past year; for much good seed has been sown in the minds and hearts of very promising young women. The sewing department has had one hundred and five pupils, and this meant much close, hard work on the part of the superintendent, who has had an assistant only part of the year.

Nine girls have been in the Home during the year, besides others coming for shorter periods. All have made marked progress, and have left the school, at the end of the year, with great regret.

From letters written to the Secretary by girls in the Home, we make clippings. One girl of seventeen years says: "I feel greatly benefited by my instruction here. I am trying to be a Christian girl." Another adds: "My mother is dead, and I promised to meet her in heaven. I praise God for blessings, and love Miss Ernsberger." A third says: "I am twenty years old, but have not been in school for the last five years. I am trying to be a faithful follower of Christ, and mean to make a woman of myself." A fourth writes: "I can not tell you how much I like this Home. I am a Christian, and am trying to live a pure life, and to put every moment to its proper use. I expect to teach this summer, and hope to return next term. Accept my thanks for your kind messages. May all your efforts be crowned with success." More might be given; but these betoken the spirit of our Home.

At the close of the school year, Miss Ernsberger left, to take a medical course in preparation for broader work. We have as her successor Miss Anna Mosher, who has been under instruction in our Lucy Webb Hayes Home at Washington, D. C., and brings to her work a trained heart and hand, as well as great natural adaptability. Her assistant, Miranda Hepler, was one of the first inmates of Kent Home, under the teaching of Mrs. S. D. Snow, and her thorough training in all departments will be an object-lesson to those who are doubtful of the success of our labor among the colored race. Gentle, diligent, conscientious, she will serve wisely.

We hope to have every room filled this year, as a number of unusually desirable girls wish to attend, and receive the benefit of the instruction

to be had here. Then out upon the hills and in the valleys of our Southland the homes of our dark sisters will show the result of the training received in this model Home.

MRS. MARY FISK PARK, *Secretary.*

BUREAU FOR WEST SOUTHERN STATES.

WE return humble thanks to the Heavenly Father for the mercies of the past year. When weak, he has been our strength; when burdened, he has been our refuge. We trust in the bounty of his providence, and implore the aid of his Spirit.

The pupils of our Industrial Homes improve rapidly, and are ambitious of success. Our superintendents are pleased with the results of their labors during the past year.

— The E. L. Rust Home exerts a beneficial influence among the poor and ignorant of Holly Springs and vicinity. We refuse applicants for lack of accommodations. Miss Johnston is a thorough teacher, and impresses upon her pupils lessons of practical industry. Economy and discipline are closely observed, and the happiness and peace of her pupils are not neglected. Miss Gibson has conducted the sewing and printing classes successfully under trying circumstances. We need more convenient arrangements for the sewing department. Miss Gibson has found several infirm, half-starved old women living in huts. She placed them in the Sisters' Home, where they are made comfortable. These poor creatures will be thankful for old flannel, old clothing, and bedding. Miss Gibson has faithfully discharged her duties, and we regret to learn of her ill-health, and pray that she may soon be restored to us. Mrs. J. B. Spear succeeds her. Miss Johnston writes: "We heard from one of our girls, who is a successful dressmaker; another has made some money painting on felt. We often have words of cheer from the girls who have left us. One girl is now teaching school; another is in Memphis, earning \$40 per month."

Miss Gibson writes: "Our girls go home to do domestic work. They do not look too high, but strive to earn an honest living. We teach them to do their work thoroughly." We earnestly solicit your aid in repairing the E. L. Rust Home, which needs our attention.

Adeline Smith Home.

Under the excellent superintendence of Miss McIntosh and Mrs. Curtis, the Adeline Smith Home, at Little Rock, Arkansas, is successfully conducted. Miss McIntosh writes: "I wish you knew how pleasant our work is; it is in the best of shape. The girls are doing well. I never felt so hopeful for them. Religion and character stand out in such distinct features. There is so much to do. Times are very hard. Our class-meetings are greatly blessed. One girl lectured, a few evenings since, on baking; another on laundry work. This is evidence of the fruit of our labors." Mrs. Curtis has charge of the sewing department. Nothing is neglected in refining and elevating the tastes and habits of the pupils. Repairs are being made on the rear building, and the Home is being painted. This requires money; but the work must be done. Kindly remember the Adeline Smith Home.

Peck Memorial Home.

Reports from Peck Home, New Orleans, are gratifying. We have a happy and prosperous Home. Nothing is spared by Miss Hageman in uplifting those intrusted to her care. Every branch of household indus-

try is taught, and thrift and economy rule. Discipline is pleasantly and wisely enforced. Entertainments are often given by the girls, and prayer-meetings, Bible-readings, and song services are held. The girls are obedient and thoughtful, and make rapid improvement.

Miss Hageman is absorbed in her work, and is sincerely attached to her pupils. Miss Elliot's sewing-classes deserve worthy mention. She possesses rare tact in winning the affections of her pupils. She is indefatigable in her efforts. The Home is in complete order, and is self-supporting. The grounds are carefully kept. The house has been painted, but a sidewalk is greatly needed.

The Italian and factory-school work is full of promise. The Italian Sunday-schools are largely attended. Miss Page has been a faithful visitor among the Italian homes, and has accomplished great good. This is a grand mission-field, needing workers. Miss Page is ill, and unable to attend to her duties, and Miss Barnes, her assistant, is doing double labor. To the East Liverpool Auxiliary, East Ohio Conference, for a barrel packed with dishes, linen, and a good supply of useful things for Peck Home; to the Trinity Auxiliary, Cincinnati, for a barrel of useful articles for the Adeline Smith Home; to Mrs. Negus and the North Iowa Conference, for generous contributions to the Italian schools and the night-school for factory girls in New Orleans; to the Rock River (Illinois) Conference, for a pledge of \$100 for the Adeline Smith Home; to friends who have assisted the E. L. Rust Home,—to all who have aided the West Southern Bureau, we return our sincerest gratitude. "The Lord bless you, and give you peace!"

MRS. M. B. HAGANS, *Secretary.*

BUREAU FOR TEXAS.

King Industrial Home.

DURING the past year this Home has been filled to its utmost capacity with girls from the best class of the colored people of Texas. This being the only school in this great State where provision has been made by our Church for higher education, or industrial training, its pupils have come from all sections of the State, and also from States adjoining. There has been careful, systematic training in all the departments of instruction, and marked improvement has resulted. The cooking and sewing classes have included nearly all the girls in attendance at Wiley University, with which the Home is connected. There has been the most complete harmony and co-operation between the University and the Home, each seeking to advance the interests of the other. Twenty-nine girls have been resident in the Home, while the sewing and cooking classes have had nearly one hundred in attendance. Our teachers, Miss Bushroe and Miss Poppino, have not confined their labors to the pupils in their care, but have been helpful to many others. They have given special attention to the holding of temperance meetings, which is a work much needed in this section of the country. A class in nurse-training has just been organized. By the careful management of the ladies in charge, the Home has been self-supporting, except as to salaries of missionaries.

MRS. E. L. ALBRIGHT, *Secretary.*

BUREAU FOR NEW MEXICO AND ARIZONA (SPANISH).

IT seems scarcely right to claim territory in which we, as a Society, have no work. Arizona has much need for missionary effort; calls and appeals come to the Secretary for laborers, to be sent to different points

of its territory, to none of which has she thus far been able to respond. When the Christianizing of all heathen, especially those in our own land, shall have become the desire and burden of the Church, then will the means be furnished to enter this part of our Bureau.

On October 2, 1893, a mission school, in connection with the Albuquerque College, was opened, with Mrs. Annie Norton as teacher. The average attendance has been good, with marked progress on the part of all its pupils. Public exercises were held on Christmas, Washington's birthday, and at the close of the school year. The pupils of the day and Sunday school united in the celebration of Children's Day. The larger part of Dr. Payne's program was used, much of it being translated into Spanish by Mrs. Norton for this occasion. The report of this work shows untiring effort to bring light to these people who are in darkness, Mrs. Norton having made two hundred visits among them. She has attended forty sessions of the Sabbath-school, besides twenty-five Epworth League services. Several years of her life have been given to this work, and much good seed has been scattered that only the Master will know of in the harvest time.

Mrs. Norton has loved her bright-eyed Mexican girls, but feels called to prepare for broader work, and asks leave of absence while she takes a course of study in a medical college. The work will go on without interruption, under the care of Mrs. S. O. Webster, late director of Coquimbo College, Coquimbo, Chili, South America. The building of the Industrial Home will be under the direction of the Building Committee, with Mrs. Thos. Harwood, one of its most interested members in the city, to personally supervise. The earnest support of all is looked for at this time, in raising money for this long-promised work among the Spanish Mexicans. May not the Secretary ask every Conference to pledge, and raise early in the year, \$100 for the only Home of this kind in all our land?

Las Vegas.

Our missionary at this point, Miss Nellie Snider, has continued her work of teaching a day-school and sewing-school, with such lessons in temperance and cooking as she could give without additional expense to the Society. Her heart was gladdened by the gift of an organ from one of our Cincinnati ladies, and the kindness of a New York concern in putting it in good order. We think that the means should be furnished for the support of a girl who could live with Miss Snider, and so have the life that would fit her for usefulness among her people. What Auxiliary will undertake this work, and make it possible for more good to be accomplished through this means?

The holiday season, that brings its own promise to all people, is very greatly enjoyed by the pupils in our schools. The kind hearts that remember to send from their store-houses gifts to the little ones, for whom the Christ-child came to earth, would be glad to know how much good missionaries can do with their gifts at these times.

Las Cruces.

At Las Cruces, through the efforts of Miss Marguerite J. Tripp, we have the first regularly organized Epworth League Chapter in the Spanish Mission. Her work among the children of our Mexican Methodists has been very interesting and encouraging. Rev. Thomas Harwood, superintendent of Missions in New Mexico and Arizona, writes thankfully of the good work being done by the workers sent out by the Woman's Home Missionary Society. Of the twenty Protestant pupils, thirteen are members of our Church—a good proportion of leaven. Dr. Harwood is highly gratified with the work done by our workers, and says that, with enough

such Christian women as teachers, New Mexico would soon arise and shine with the light of truth and civilization.

Dear Sisters, in planning for special work this year, let the needs of New Mexico come home to your hearts, and give largely to the building fund for the Industrial Home at Albuquerque.

MRS. ANNA KENT, *Secretary.*

BUREAU FOR NEW MEXICO AND ARIZONA (INDIAN).

The Navajo Mission.

WHILE there has been much of encouragement in the work of this mission during the year, there has also been much of anxiety and hardship. Early in the year the health of Mrs. Whyte, the field matron, failed, and, for some months Mrs. Eldridge was obliged to give much of her time to the care of Mrs. Whyte, who passed away in July. The Navajoes have been true friends of our missionary, and while it was necessary for her to be there alone, arranged for one of their women to stay with her at night, and, as a protection against bad white people, they supplied her with arms and ammunition until the mission had the appearance of an arsenal.

There are many indications of advancement toward civilization among the Navajoes. Eight men have built log houses, with doors and windows; several have cultivated a portion of their land, and stored their corn in a cellar which Mrs. Eldridge had prepared for the saving of their seed corn; and when a ditch was to be dug for the purpose of irrigation, more came and asked for employment than could be employed. They are losing faith in their "medicine men," and one man, who had been unable to swallow anything but liquids for a week, because of serious throat trouble, sent fifty miles to the mission for medicine, with the message "that he had not had the medicine man to sing over him."

After the death of Mrs. Whyte, Mrs. Eldridge was appointed field matron, at the urgent request of the Agent, and Miss Mary R. Tripp was appointed as missionary. She entered upon her labors in October, and writes "that she likes the appearance of the people, and is hopeful for a good work, both among the Indians and white people." In the San Juan valley there are several families of white settlers, but not a Christian among them. Until our mission was opened, there was no observance of the Sabbath; but on the first Sunday, Miss Tripp arranged for a song service, to which the white people were invited. About thirty were present, and at their request it was arranged to hold a Sunday-school at the mission each Sabbath at eleven o'clock. As soon as a reliable interpreter can be found, such a service will be held for the Indians. Miss Tripp is a woman fully consecrated to the work of the Lord, and will let no opportunity to win a soul for Christ pass unimproved. She writes "that a well is a positive necessity, the river water which they are obliged to use resembling soap-suds." For months we have hoped to order this well dug, but have been unable to do so because of a lack of funds. When you drink a glass of pure, sparkling water, remember these devoted women, who have left all the comforts of life to carry the gospel to our own home heathen—as truly heathen as are those of Darkest Africa. We can not send the written gospel to them, for they can not read; it can not be translated into their language, for they have no written language.

The Government provides school privileges for only about one hundred of the four thousand children, and, after so many generations of untutored minds, it is very difficult to teach them to read. They need the light of the gospel to dispel both their mental and spiritual darkness.

The Apache Mission.

The seed that our faithful missionaries have been sowing at Dulce during the past six years is now bearing fruit. The Church that was organized three years ago with five members, now numbers about fifty whites and Mexicans. Fifty Indians, men, women, and children, were baptized in May, and have since been under religious instruction. A Mexican, who was converted at the mission several years ago, has consecrated himself to the Lord's work among his own people and the Apaches, who, having known him for years, have faith in him.

Some of the children from a small lumber town, a few miles from Dulce, were in attendance at our school last winter, and were converted. Among the number was a young man who desires to prepare himself for college, hoping to enter the ministry. These young people have organized a Sunday-school, and hold a prayer-meeting, to which our missionaries go and assist as often as possible. One woman, converted at the mission, moved to another town, where she opened a Sunday-school in her own house; and so the good work is spreading. The number in both Church and school has so increased that the little log school-house will not accommodate all who desire to attend. One man, who sent one child last year, desires to send five this year, and if we had a suitable building we might have a nice academy. The school has always been self-supporting, except the salary of the teacher. We should have a building for an Industrial Home after the order of Haven Home, but must have at once a building to serve for the purpose of school-room and chapel, which will cost about five hundred dollars. The people will aid in the work to the extent of their ability.

MRS. E. W. SIMPSON, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF BUREAU FOR UTAH.

SINCE the Woman's Home Missionary Society commenced its work in Utah, the Territory has been opened to the settlement of Gentiles, and commerce and Christian education have been instrumental in producing great changes in the conditions requiring missionary aid. Polygamy is practiced only clandestinely. A good public-school system has been adopted, and is well sustained, especially in the cities, which have grown into importance within this period. The small mission schools first established, and similar work provided for by other philanthropic organizations, are no longer needed in many places, and our Society has been advised to suspend these schools, and provide only for mission work. These recommendations apply particularly to Salt Lake City, Logan, Ogden, and Provo. Our work heretofore has largely been conducted in behalf of Scandinavians, and this has awakened some criticism on the part of the American constituency of our Church.

In view of these facts, early in the summer we asked suggestions and advice of the Missionary Superintendent, Dr. Iliff, and of the Presiding Elder, Rev. Martinus Nelson, who have rendered most valuable assistance to the Society in its work in the Territory. Later we sent a communication to Bishop Merrill, who presided at the Conference, stating our desire to secure the advice of the friends of our Church on the ground as to the best appropriation of our funds and the conduct of the work. He submitted this to the Committee on Education and also to the one on Woman's Home Missionary Society. Both Committees brought in reports recommending the same general course reported by the Secretary of the Committee, as follows:

"The action of the Mission Conference is to invite the co-operation of the Woman's Home Missionary Society for the establishment of dea-

coness work in Salt Lake City; to make Davis Hall headquarters for the work; to employ deaconesses, and if possible one or more trained nurses; and to establish a kindergarten in connection with the work. One of the most important features of the work should be the rescue of young girls and women who become stranded in the city. This work is greatly needed, and Davis Hall will furnish ample accommodations." The Churches of the city promise financial aid in deaconess work, and it is expected that the nurse and kindergarten work will be self-supporting.

"The Board of Deaconesses, elected by the Conference, consists of five traveling preachers and four laymen—Dr. T. C. Iliff, the superintendent of the mission; Dr. W. D. Mabrey, pastor of the First Church; Rev. F. Herman, pastor Scandinavian Church; Rev. Geo. E. Jayne, pastor of Second Church; Rev. Martinus Nelson, Presiding Elder; Hon. Geo. H. Goodwin, member of First Church; Mrs. F. A. Grant, of Iliff Church; Mrs. Dr. McKibben, of Liberty Park Church; and Miss F. E. Turner, of Second Church. Dr. T. C. Iliff was elected Chairman, Mrs. Dr. McKibben Vice-President, Rev. F. Herman Treasurer, and Rev. W. D. Mabrey Secretary."

In view of the fact that this Committee asks of the Woman's Home Missionary Society an appropriation equivalent to the support of a missionary, and a small amount for incidental expenses, they submitted to our Board the names of this Committee for approval, which was cordially granted.

Bishop Merrill sent a communication, in which he said that he had "given the matter careful attention, was present at the meeting of the Deaconess Board when action was taken, and also in the Conference session, and approved all that had been done."

The Mission Conference decided that it is impracticable to attempt to reopen Salt Lake Seminary as a school, and this building, with its furnishings, was placed at the disposal of the Woman's Home Missionary Society for mission work. The building was erected for a Home and Boarding Department, and cost about \$16,000, of which our Society provided \$6,000 and \$1,000 worth of furnishings. This use of the property will place in Salt Lake City, which is pre-eminently responsible for the influences that will determine the civilization of the State, an institution that will be potential for Protestant Christian education. Spencer Home will co-operate with the work in Davis Hall for this object. This is located on a lot adjoining the Scandinavian Church. The property was owned by the Church Extension Society, and was deeded to ours on the condition that it be used for missionary purposes in connection with the Scandinavian Church. It can not be held if used for any other purpose. There are ten thousand Scandinavians in Salt Lake City, who need missionary aid; hence it seems advisable to continue the mission in behalf of Scandinavians in Spencer Home, and allow the work in Davis Hall to be directed toward the help of English populations.

Rev. Mr. Nelson, who has managed our work for so long, recommends that the Board of Deaconesses be recognized by the Woman's Home Missionary Society as a Standing Committee to aid the Secretary of the Mormon Bureau in the supervision of the work, and in making recommendations as to the best distribution of our appropriations. He says that this plan would be calculated to give increased assurance to our Society that the work will be prosecuted carefully and wisely.

The following was adopted at the district meeting of the Scandinavian teachers and workers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, held at Salt Lake City:

"Resolved, To recommend that it is the opinion of this meeting that a Committee be constituted in each Church for the local supervision of the schools and the work of the missionaries, said Committee to be the superintendent of the schools and the pastor in charge at each place; the pastor to have full supervision in the absence of the superintendent. The

same Committee requests that missionaries be employed in the Territory wherever it is advisable to close schools."

It will be seen that the Utah Mission Conference has taken into careful consideration the work of our Society, and is cordial in its desire to assist us in the best distribution of the funds of the Society. Their action touches all the interests of the work in the Territory, and would seem to offer the best assurance of its successful management.

The Deaconess Board recommends that, wherever practicable, throughout the Territory our missionary work shall be done by deaconesses, and that the work be placed, as soon as possible, under the general direction of the Deaconess Board, as provided by the Discipline.

We suggest that this recommendation be adopted, as it relates to deaconess work, and that the Bureau for Utah shall have the immediate relation to the field, according to the rules for Bureaus, the deaconess work being reported regularly to the Bureau for Deaconesses.

In consideration of the foregoing we recommend—

1st. That Spencer Home be continued as a missionary center for Scandinavian work in Salt Lake City, and that Davis Hall be accepted by the Society and conducted as a mission center for deaconess work. This will be a great advantage, since a larger and more influential work can be accomplished without increasing the appropriation of our Society, because the Deaconess Board, which will have immediate charge of this work, will be able to secure additional funds within the Conference.

2d. The sale of such of our mission buildings as are in localities where the conditions no longer require them for mission purposes, and that the proceeds be used for the support of work elsewhere.

3d. That an appropriation not to exceed \$4,000 be made to the work in Utah, according to specifications that can be arranged by the Bureau for Utah and the Advisory Board appointed by the Conference.

ELIZABETH L. RUST, *Acting Secretary.*

INDIAN AND FRONTIER WORK.

It was in the days of Henry Ward Beecher that a large, enthusiastic meeting was held in his church by the newly-formed Woman's Indian Association. At this meeting the Pawnee Mission of Oklahoma was founded.

It is the method of this Association to originate an Indian mission and then transfer it to the care of some evangelical Church. A mission among the Piegan, with an equipment valued at \$4,000, has just been thus transferred to the General Missionary Committee of our Church.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society a few years since contributed to these Indians, who were in a starving condition, but though much interested we were not able to go any further.

After much prayer and waiting, in 1885 we sent a missionary, a lady and her son, a boy of fifteen years, to Pawnee, which, with Ponca and Otoe, we had received from the Woman's Indian Association. She was well fitted to her work—inefatigable—she several times nearly lost her life, venturing to cross rivers with quicksand bottoms. In a short time, the whole Pawnee tribe was aroused, and eleven chiefs were frequent visitors at her cottage. Leaving Pawnee, she founded our missions at Pawhuska and Ponca.

The old cottage for which she paid \$200, at Pawnee, is no longer habitable, and a new one must be erected immediately. We have five acres, additional to our present two-acre lot, promised by the Government.

A converted Indian woman with some education, whose husband, an Indian, is a member of the Oklahoma Conference, is our missionary now. She reports a general good attendance at Church and Sunday-school. Also a number of conversions, nine having been baptized at one time.

The ghost dance has declined somewhat as interest in our work has increased. Among all these Indians there is interest in the Messiah, as in no other subject—another token that Jesus is the hope of the world. The new cottage should cost at least \$400.

The Pawnees are industrious. Miss Helen Clark, a Catholic lady, has been distributing the land in severalty, which the Pawnees readily accept.

Under the efficient and really affectionate care of the Philadelphia committee of ladies, this mission should prosper. "Never forsake the Pawnees, if you take them up," an official wrote me at the beginning, adding, "They have suffered from being twice abandoned."

Adelaide Springer Mission, Pawhuska, Oklahoma Territory.

The Indian school of Osage girls, which we had brought to excellent condition, having been transferred to the Government, we now continue our work simply as a mission. Our work here, early resulted in the erection of a church, to which during the last year a bell has been added. Our missionary, whose husband is the minister appointed by the Oklahoma Conference, seeing the great number of children, most of them belonging to very poor families, opened a school for these, which this fall enrolled fifty names, with promise of many more. Our old school-building thus becomes useful, while the dormitory in the second story rents for five dollars a month. The school in the past year has been very successful, commanding pupils from the best families. All who are able pay, so that, if well managed, this mission will this year be self-supporting. Too much praise can not be accorded to Mr. and Mrs. Simmis for their efficient labors, not only among the Osages, but among all races in that locality. In the same yard with this school we have two cottages; one rents for ten dollars a month, the other is the home of our missionary. They are roomy, comfortable buildings, and we have in addition a cheap barn.

We have applied for pasture-land for a cow and horse. The Osages are rich, and some of them have been well educated at schools in the States. Some of them acquire more than their hereditary wealth and have fine cattle-ranches, while a large part are still in darkness, clinging to heathen customs.

The pressing need is for an active pastor-missionary, who will protect and care for the children and young people who come home to the camps, and are pressed beyond measure by parents and friends to resume the old life, which they usually do. This the missionaries can prevent to a great degree, and thus conserve the teaching of the Government schools, which for the past few years has been not only industrial, but religious.

We fear the influence of the change of missionaries so frequently, and think it must not be allowed.

Pawhuska is a growing town, with a number of very well-conditioned white families.

Ponca.

Here we have a good house and barn, but greatly need a well and cistern; all water must now be brought a quarter of a mile. Some years since the Troy (N. Y.) ladies put this mission otherwise in fine condition. The Poncas, a few hundred, are scattered over the country, with many whites, and no Christian teaching. The Otoes, fifteen miles distant, are a part of the mission. To this tribe and the neglected white settlements, our missionary, Rev. J. E. Irvine, has been ministering the last year. As he had no means of conveyance, he has, with heroic patience, walked through the heat and drouth of the summer over the prairie in order to hold service with these people, who seem hungry for the Word of Life and the real Christ. He has

with great faithfulness looked after every interest, securing from the Government additional land.

Our missionary is a defense against the vices and greed of those whites who are there to wrong the Indians. Their lands have been allotted in severalty. They are less industrious than the Pawnees. The salary of the missionary at Ponca is too small, being \$12.50 per month. Mr. Irvine has opened several preaching stations, secured forty acres of land among the Otoes, and finds them bright and interested in the gospel. He has, out of his small pittance, purchased a tent in which to hold his meetings.

Field Matron.

Miss Lamb is field matron, nominated by us and employed by the Government among the Arapahoes and Cheyennes of Oklahoma. Her work has been most interesting. Many Indians have been converted, and she is constantly employed in showing the women how to keep house and nurse the sick. Incidents of much interest could be given.

Her success is largely due to her having sufficient salary to enable her to do her work.

Ukiah, Cal.

Our missionary here has an Indian circuit of three stations. There are three Government schools, with religious and competent teachers co-operating with him in spirit and influence. Many Indians have been converted. These Indians, the Diggers, are polygamous. He receives none into the Church until they are instructed and lawfully married. Sabbath desecration, and the sale of liquor, he has combated successfully, and has thus been a blessing to that section of California. This missionary is very warmly regarded by the Indians, who call him "father." He has, out of his small salary, generously helped these very poor people to build three little churches.

Stickney Home, Lynden, Wash.

The school opened January 1st, with an attendance of five pupils. We could receive pupils only as pledges for their support were given. Pledges were received, and we advanced to the number of fifteen, which is our present number, while five more are waiting support and, indeed, many more. Mr. J. R. Stark, wife, and daughter, are our missionaries. Mr. Stark looks after the farm, of which a few acres are cleared. A barn and cellar have been built the last year. The farm is productive, but suffers from the overflow of the Nooksack River. The expenses for equipping this station for service will end, we think, early this year, and then beneficiary help will largely meet the demands of the work.

The Stark family have the confidence of the community, and are doing good work for us. The last year they have had \$30 a month and board—\$10 for each. The success of this school has been influential in awaking interest in the Woman's Home Missionary Society in our Northern Pacific Conferences.

We shall not long have our Indians as they are. Above all other races we are indebted to them. How they loved our magnificent plains and glorious mountains—ours now, once theirs!

Let us help, defend, protect them, and at this late hour prove our Christian principle by making such returns as we may. Should not every Auxiliary conscientiously and even lovingly contribute, if only a small sum, to these our wronged aborigines?

MRS. H. C. M'CABE, *Secretary.*

BUREAU FOR ALASKA.

THE mission at Unalaska, being largely dependent upon Government aid in its school work, was so crippled by the action of the last General Conference that an appeal was made to the Parent Board to co-operate with us by sending a missionary from one of the near Conferences. This they not only declined to do, but recommended that our Society withdraw from that field. Consequently no appropriation was made at the Annual Meeting in 1892.

Mr. Tuck, superintendent of the Jesse Lee Home, did not hear of this until the next June. Twenty-five children were then in the Home, as much under our care as at any time. The most of them were homeless orphans. Mr. and Mrs. Tuck could not turn them out for the vultures in human shape to destroy. They sent to their own friends in Maine for funds, and with this and the aid of other friends, they continued the Home.

At the last Annual Meeting the former action was reconsidered. It was voted to continue the work, subject to the approval of the Parent Missionary Board. Mrs. Fisk and Mrs. Rust were appointed to wait upon that Board, and so impressively did they present the great necessity of the work that the required permission was granted.

The General Executive Committee, at their first session, appointed a new committee for Alaska, with instruction to take children as beneficiaries only, at fifty dollars each.

Dr. Harris, Commissioner of Education, says: "Public schools can not be maintained there without the moral support of good home teaching and protection." He strongly urges us to continue the Home and the care of the children, leaving Government to pay teachers and to furnish school supplies. That seems to be the only way to accomplish any good and meet the requirements of our Church rules.

If we had suitable accommodations, one hundred children could be gathered into that haven of safety; just such poor, depraved waifs as Mr. Murray, Treasury Agent, sent there. In his report to the Treasury Department, he says: "In September, 1890, I sent six orphan girls from St. Paul's Island to the American School at Unalaska, and subsequently four others. I would have sent thirty more had there been room for them in the Home, for I was anxious to place them in the hands of a Christian woman whose heart is in the work of saving such children from a fate worse than death. The result has more than satisfied me and justified the experiment. The majority of the children sent were the poorest, dirtiest, and most ignorant on the island. They were unable to speak one word of English, and yet, after a term of two years, every one could not only speak but write it. Three of the older ones have been married, and are now housekeeping on St. Paul's Island, where, for morality, cleanliness, and good housekeeping, they are models of excellence."

Miss Sabine, an Episcopal missionary, going to her mission on the Yukon River, while detained at Unalaska, waiting for a steamer, sent a very interesting account of the school and home life. She says: "Mr. and Mrs. Tuck labor under the great disadvantages of crowded rooms and limited means, the terrible immorality of the natives and sailors, and the want of sympathy in their work from business men. The discipline is excellent, without depressing the girls. They stand well in school work with children in any public school, and yet these girls were wild, untaught Indians, dirty beyond conception, unused to any civilized habits. Mrs. Tuck needs more helpers; she is overtaxing herself, and will soon break down if not relieved."

Miss Falconer, who has been a teacher in the school for three years, found her health so impaired that she was obliged to leave in July. She

also urges that an experienced medical missionary be sent there. Last winter, when la grippe fastened itself upon nearly all the inmates of the Home, she and two of the girls were obliged to do all of the nursing, as there was no physician in Unalaska at that time.

Miss Short, from St. Louis, sent to take Miss Falconer's place, affirms all that others have said of the rapid improvement of the girls in habits, manners, and school work. She also expresses grave fears for Mrs. Tuck's health if she is not speedily relieved.

The funds placed at the disposal of the Committee were not sufficient to meet the expenses of a missionary, but they could not resist this appeal, and made every effort possible to secure one to go at once to the relief of that noble woman, who is giving her time and strength, without any remuneration, to the work of this Society; but so far no suitable person has been secured.

The title to one hundred and sixty acres of Government land has been secured to this Society to occupy for missionary purposes. We must have a new building, not only in order to hold this land, but to give suitable accommodations to the large family now crowded into very small quarters.

We also need a Boys' Home, with a teacher who can give practical instruction in gardening and the care of chickens. Some think such a Home could soon be made self-supporting.

Personal business obliged Mr. Tuck to visit his home in Maine this last summer. On his return, he found that Mrs. Tuck, unable to resist the pleadings of parents who urged that the Home was the only place where their little girls would be safe, had taken five more, making thirty in all.

The influence of the Home is not confined to Unalaska. A traveler remarked: "Why, it is a Church itself, extending its Christian influence to the extreme northwest. Wherever we go, we hear of the bright moral and Christian light reflected from the Jesse Lee Home. You can not estimate its influence."

Many object to the expenses of this Home. Surely fifty dollars per child is not a large sum, when we realize that it is not for the school term, as in our Southern schools, but these children must be fed, clothed, and closely guarded during the entire year.

We need fifteen hundred dollars for the thirty children now in the Home, six hundred for a medical missionary, and a large appropriation from the Alaska Building Fund for the new building. The work can not prosper without this money.

MRS. H. M. TELLER, *Secretary.*

BUREAU FOR SUPPLIES.

OUR hearts are full of gratitude for one more year of service. It has been one of earnest work by the Conferences, remarkable for harmony and kind forbearance. Supplies have been furnished to ministers, West and South, by the Auxiliaries, circles, bands, of the W. H. M. S., King's Daughters, Epworth Leagues, Sunday-schools, W. F. M. Societies; also, to our Industrial Homes and schools, and the needy ones in cities and towns. From many homes where death has been have come the dear, sacred garments, and stricken hearts have been cheered in helping others. Beautiful tributes of thankfulness come to the Secretary, from presiding elders and ministers, of most timely aid just when they knew not what to do, and in answer to their prayers. One says: "You will never know the good you are doing." Another: "We would despair, did we not know your motherly Society cared for us." How blessed to help these brave, heroic souls, who are taking our frontiers for Christ!

Supplies Secretaries have been elected in many Conferences. Where this has not been done, the work has been cared for by the Corresponding Secretaries. From the present outlook, this will be a hard year in Kansas and Nebraska. Let us lend our aid in the Master's name, who says: "Inasmuch as ye do it unto one of these, ye do it unto me."

MRS. JAMES DALE, *Secretary.*

BUREAU FOR LOCAL MISSIONARY WORK.

MUCH work is, as usual, reported as having been done under the auspices of the Bureau of Local Work; but we may congratulate ourselves that as rapidly as our city work takes on definite shape, becomes individualized and responsible, the tendency is for it to ask its appropriations from this Board, and to make its report to it. The work in several of our large cities is growing to such proportions that it very properly demands individual recognition. It is to be hoped that eventually all our local work will become so well developed and so important that the appropriations can be definitely made by this body, and its expenses and results definitely reported.

When appropriations are not itemized, and expenditures are reported in bulk only, there is constant anxiety on the part of the Committee lest money be used for purposes not strictly missionary. We can not, as officers in our respective Conferences, too carefully state nor too positively insist that neither ordinary charity nor pastor's aid work is *missionary* work. Our work in the cities is the evangelization of the unevangelized masses by means of work with and for women and children. It is this in New Orleans; it is just this, and this only, in the cities of Massachusetts or Pennsylvania.

By just as much as the Woman's Home Missionary Society drifts away from the purely missionary idea in our city work, and engages in general benevolent enterprises, we are diverting money from work that has been projected by the Society depending upon these funds for its support. By using these funds at our homes for our local Church interests, we are crippling the broader interests of the entire Society. It is impossible not to feel a twinge of pain when large amounts are reported for local work of whose details we know nothing, and but small amounts are sent to the general treasury to carry forward the large interests which a good Providence seems to have given into the keeping of this Society. It is perhaps well to be poor, for poverty keeps us humble, cautious, and prayerful; but poor people must look after the pence if they would ever attain to pounds. And so your Committee brings a request to the Conference officers in this Board that they look most carefully into the details of the work reported as "local work;" to learn, first, if it be genuine and profitable missionary work; and, second, if it be carried forward without any diversion of funds from the general work of the Society.

The Auxiliaries of this Society should not be expected to assume the duties which belong to *all* the women of our respective congregations, while the emptiness of our treasury breaks our hearts whenever we look into the pleading eyes of the thousands in our land who beg us to "come over and help" them, and who know no other helper if we fail them; or when we look into the indifferent faces of those more appealing thousands who do not call us, and do not know that they need us, but whose sorrows and sins cry to us with a voice we can not but hear. Surely, it can not be wrong to covet earnestly the best gifts the women of Methodism have at their command for this great business of the Master.

The following has been reported to the Local Bureau:

Cornhill Auxiliary, Rochester, N. Y., has supported a missionary at an expense of \$168.

Bigelow Auxiliary, Portsmouth, has had a very successful kindergarten during the past year; also, a Sunday-school and weekly mothers' meeting, at an expense of \$300.

Michigan Conference, through Mrs. L. L. Spillman, reports supplies furnished for local work to the amount of \$989.86, and cash, \$132.64; and Detroit Conference reports \$685.69 so expended.

The New England Conference reports a missionary, Miss Nellie Huff, employed in Boston and East Boston among the Portuguese in connection with the Boston City Mission and Church Extension Society. Over \$400 have been expended in this work.

The North Indiana Conference reports missionary work done in Knightstown, Milford, Middletown, Richmond, Hagerstown, Garrett, Muncey, Fort Wayne, and New Castle. The aggregate report is: Visits, 1,900; garments distributed, 500; value of supplies and cash used, \$750; 75 children brought into Sunday-school, and 50 children into day-school.

Northeast Indiana Conference reports that Logansport has expended \$91.25. Mrs. H. L. Sperry reports, for Indianapolis: Visits, 374; leaflets distributed, 500; 60 pledges signed; 72 religious meetings conducted; and a girl assisted to take a kindergarten course of study, all involving an expenditure of \$78.20.

The Secretary of local work for the East Tennessee Conference reports interest at various points, visiting done, and some money expended.

Newark, N. J., employs two missionaries—Mrs. F. D. Watson and Mrs. C. A. Hoffman. Mrs. Boswell, the Conference Corresponding Secretary, writes: "Miss Watson is doing us excellent service. We are working in connection with the City Mission and Church Extension Society at three different points in the city. We have a fine committee of women, who meet monthly for the supervision of the work. These meetings are well attended and full of interest. It is more and more apparent that we were providentially led into a union with the City Missionary and Church Extension Society. Besides these two missionaries, Morristown Auxiliary is supporting Miss Peterson, a young Danish girl of great promise, in the training school at Washington, D. C."

Mrs. Watson, one of these missionaries, reports 969 visits; 58 services conducted; 275 unemployed adults visited, for some of whom employment was secured; 120 families visited, who were destitute of food and clothing; 900 garments and 60 pairs of shoes distributed; and \$150 in cash expended. Mrs. Hoffman, the other missionary, reports 772 visits; 300 leaflets distributed; 54 meetings conducted; visits to 150 adults, with no employment, and to 100 children, attending no Sunday-school, 70 of whom were brought to Sunday-school; 50 families were found destitute of food; 218 garments and ten pairs of shoes were distributed; \$122.60 worth of supplies given.

Salem, Oregon; Watertown, New York; East Saugus, Mass., each send a report of visiting and a small amount of money expended.

Mrs. Benson, Corresponding Secretary for the West Wisconsin Conference, reports \$50 in supplies and \$200 in cash used in that Conference.

Miss May Taggart, of Hutchinson, Kansas, reports visits to 200 persons not attending any Church, and to unemployed people, too many to count. Thirty persons were brought into membership in the Church by the work of the missionary.

Springfield, Ohio, reports 50 visits, and supplies given to the value of \$83.44.

Mrs. Weldin, of Wilmington Conference, reports \$1,243 expended in local work. How it was expended is not reported.

Mrs. Bump, of the Wyoming Conference, writes: "Elm Park Church, in Scranton, and Tabernacle Church, in Binghamton, each employ a missionary—Mrs. Tillie Hawley in the former, and Miss Mary Wallace in the latter. These devoted women give all their time to genuine missionary work. Elm Park Church, Scranton, has expended \$714.55; Tabernacle Church, Binghamton, \$502.85. Other vouchers indicate work in which \$507.20 has been expended."

The Erie Conference, through Miss Cummings, reports \$54.10 expended in local work.

Burlington, Vermont, reports the employment of a deaconess, who has made 2,148 visits; helped several persons to employment; gathered thirty children into the Sabbath-school; and distributed cash and supplies to the value of \$200.

MRS. D. L. WILLIAMS, *Secretary.*

BUREAU FOR READING CIRCLE.

In a review of the work of the past year, I find it is one of the best in our history. Never has the work of our Reading Unions been more prosperous and promising than at present. There has been a general awakening to the demands of missionary intelligence; as instance of this fact, I have replied to over forty letters of inquiry as to the method and aim of our work, and the best plan for organization of Reading Circles.

With a view of bringing the needs of our work more intelligently before the Society, I mailed over one thousand circular letters to Conference officers and to new Auxiliaries, setting forth the value of our books, and the necessity of organized effort. I received many replies to these letters, with a promise to begin Reading Unions this year. I have forwarded, in answer to requests, 64 silk badges, 178 paper ones, 37 certificates, and 27 stars. I have received over six hundred names, with probably as many more listed in the Report of the General Secretary.

The banner is presented to Central New York and its efficient leader, Mrs. W. A. Brownell, who listed one hundred and ninety members in the beginning of this year.

The next record of "well doing" belongs to Mrs. J. P. Negus, of Inwood, Iowa, who deserves honorable mention for the report of ninety-seven names as a result of one year's earnest, persistent effort.

In conclusion, I wish to thank all who have aided the work of this Bureau by the dissemination of missionary intelligence. Our books are adapted to the peculiar method of our work. They are the result of efforts to meet the wants of the main body of our members. There has been no haphazard in their selection, but careful, patient and abundant thoughtfulness. There is a call for loyalty to them. I appeal to all to aid our Society in all reasonable ways, and to sustain this method of spreading information concerning the condition and demands of our beloved country.

The Fourth Star Book will be decided upon in time for publication in our excellent magazine, *Woman's Home Missions.*

MRS. J. L. TRISLER, *Secretary.*

BUREAU FOR IMMIGRANTS.

The New York Immigrant Girls' Home.

(27 State Street.)

THE work of the past year, like that of others, has been very successful and very satisfactory. Miss Anna L. Orr, the matron in charge of the Home, gives all her time and attention to its interests, greeting with Christian cordiality the many lonely and homesick strangers that enter

the hospitable doors which are always open to receive them. The temporal wants of the family being supplied, the recognition of responsibility to the Giver of every good and perfect gift for all blessings received is acknowledged by a call to morning and evening prayers, led by either the matron or a missionary, in the English or Swedish language.

In the early fall of last year, Mrs. M. Butler resigned from the mission work at Ellis Island, and Miss Alma Mathews, a former worker of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, was appointed in her place. Miss Mathews loves mission work, and has most faithfully and conscientiously discharged the laborious duties connected with island work. She watches for the helpless women and children that land from the different steamers, speaking words of comfort and encouragement to them, takes them to the Home for rest and refreshment, provides for their transportation to friends, and attends to the many small details of island work that can not be understood or appreciated unless one spends a day with her at this place.

The most appreciative letters are received from many who have enjoyed the shelter and care of the Home, and very frequently small gifts of money accompany them to help some other wayfarers. Meals have been furnished to 6,521 persons; lodgings to 1,470; ships met to the number of 548; and almost 9,000 tracts distributed.

The house, No. 27 State Street, is absolutely uninhabitable. The rents at the Battery are so enormous that we are appalled, and are earnestly praying for relief, that in some way we may have such a Home as will be creditable to our beloved Society, to the work, and to the workers.

The New York Italian Mission.

(2224 First Avenue.)

Under the care of Miss Anna Ruddy, the work of the Italian Mission has prospered in a marked degree. Miss Ruddy has indeed become an angel of mercy to the residents of Little Italy. Being conversant with their language, she is enabled to visit their homes, and, with words of counsel and advice, be a very great help to these oppressed and down-trodden mothers. The work is a continuous one, as the following figures will show: 830 visits made; 1,200 visits received; 318 meetings held; 56 Bibles sold; 100 Testaments given away; 80 garments made; 320 garments distributed; 250 families assisted; 64 children sent to institutions, with 200 children in the Sunday-school and 75 in the sewing school.

The Watts de Peyster Industrial Home.

(Tivoli, on the Hudson.)

It is with great pleasure we introduce to you the "Watts de Peyster Industrial Home," the very munificent gift so recently made to and received by the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and where our happy family is now living. The Home is most beautifully situated; complete in all its appointments; abundant in its production of vegetables, fruits, etc.; a Home where we can educate and train a larger number of children than we have ever had the opportunity to care for before. As fast as the proper children are brought to our notice, we can fill our school and Home to the number of one hundred and twenty-five, all indentured to us till they are eighteen years of age. Mrs. George (*née* Miss Johanson) is still in charge of the Home. She is invaluable to the Home and its interests. So very carefully does she look after the religious training of the children that nearly all the members of her family are happy Christians, and a sweet atmosphere of peace and contentment pervades the entire Home.

The Boston Immigrants' Home.

Owing to the hard times of the past year, immigration has been light, but the "Home" at East Boston has stood ready to welcome those who did come, and has done a good missionary work besides. Every Sunday there are Swedish services, morning and evening, and a Portuguese one in the afternoon; the Swedish girls, who live at service within easy distance of the "Home," spend Thursday afternoon there, and Miss Hough has a sewing class of Portuguese children on Saturday afternoons.

Three thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven lodgings have been paid for, and the Society has given 256; 10,855 meals have been provided, besides the 490 that Mrs. Clark has given to those unable to pay; 62 trains and steamers have been met, and 532 persons sheltered; 10 nationalities were represented, of which 477 were Protestants, and 55 were Catholics; 100 religious meetings have been held, and 3 conversions have been reported; 27 situations have been secured, and 2 helped into the Consumption Home.

In repairing the "Home" last year, we found so much rotten timber that we were obliged to incur a debt of \$1,500, which we hope to pay by another year.

The restaurant, while exerting a good moral influence in the neighborhood, has not quite paid expenses; but, when immigration is heavier, we feel confident that it will.

MARY W. PERRY, *Chairman Committee.*

The Philadelphia Immigrants' Home.

(967 Otsego Street.)

The work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society is not amidst wealth and luxury, nor the higher intellectual or social conditions, but rather among the poor and helpless, and the ignorant and degraded. Such an institution is the Immigrants' Home, situated at 967 Otsego Street. A constant watch is on the lookout for the sighting of inbound vessels, loaded with valuable cargoes of merchandise, and still more precious immortal souls. It is easy to dispose of the first, but to save the second from the allurements and temptations of a strange land is a work blessed in the sight of the Lord.

As the ships are made fast to the docks, a deaconess of our Society is always there, ready to put the arms of love and protection around the young girls, who have no friends, or have been disappointed in meeting them. Under the influences of a Christian fireside, impressions are made as lasting as the eternal hills. It is floating the banner of the cross upon the frontier of Christian work, and upholding it with a zeal and earnestness characteristic of the true Christian worker. While this may be the primary object of the Home, the work has assumed a much broader phase. The hungry and homeless may here find food and shelter, exemplifying, by a practical Christianity, the words of our Savior: "I was a stranger, and ye took me in; hungry, and ye fed me; naked, and ye clothed me." Words would fail to tell of the influence exerted in this work by this Home. It is the leaven hidden in the meal, which will eventually, through God's blessing, leaven the whole lump, and we pray for its speedy culmination; but we must not be disappointed if its results are not seen in our time, for "God works in a mysterious way his wonders to perform."

In connection with our Immigrants' Home, a temperance society has been organized, and industrial schools have been established. The mothers' and social meetings have proved quite a success. When we remember that more than a thousand souls have been sheltered and protected since the opening of the Home, we are encouraged and feel a greater desire to be more earnest and zealous in our efforts for the advancement of this

cause. We could tell you many sad facts in connection with this work, of the many fever-worn bodies, and the lingering wasted ones, who have been helped and encouraged, and in many instances been led into the knowledge of the pardoning love of Christ; but time will not allow. We frequently receive letters from persons who sojourned here, in which they tell of their gratitude to our Heavenly Father for permitting them to come under the influence of the Home.

We have our hearts touched with sympathy many times. One man brought five motherless children to the Home, and asked that they might remain while he made preparations for sailing on the next steamer. He was sad and discouraged, his wife had suffered through a long illness, and he was unable to provide for her the comforts she required. The same sad story, "Out of work." During the past year the Home has sheltered about 125 persons, 400 free meals have been provided, and 150 free lodgings furnished. The temperance school has an average attendance of 30. Seventy-five steamers have been met. The Home was maintained last year at an outlay of about seven hundred dollars.

MRS. D. DAILEY, *Secretary Committee.*

MRS. J. D. SLAYBACK, *Secretary.*

BUREAU FOR ORIENTALS.

THE work of the Oriental Bureau of the Woman's Home Missionary Society has been conducted during the past year in the same manner as when the Woman's Missionary Society of the Pacific Coast had charge of it. During the past year we have had the advantage of an additional corps of workers, and they have rendered valuable assistance. The monthly meetings have been better attended, and, consequently, never has there been so much interest manifested in the work as during the past year, under the auspices of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. The appropriation enabled us to continue the work with increased usefulness. The sum of \$1,000, granted in advance last year, has been largely secured, and we trust will be continued during the coming year.

The Bureau has had charge, not only of the Chinese work, but of a department in behalf of Japanese. A Chinese missionary has been employed, who teaches morning and evening, and visits among the women during the day. The inmates of the Home are either rescued women or young girls, domestic slaves who have been rescued from the control of former masters. In the Chinese Home there have been during the year seventeen girls. Some members of the family have returned to China, and some have gone to friends in other parts of this State. In the Japanese Home there has been an average of seventeen. These are constantly changing. Some go out to work in families. Several are very bright and interesting girls.

For the aid of these two missions we have inaugurated a scholarship system at thirty dollars a year. We trust that we may have the co-operation of friends elsewhere for the aid of these interesting girls. The expense of a girl for a year, Chinese or Japanese, in the Home, is \$60. It is essential that we employ a native teacher. The one secured during the year has received \$15 a month, and has rendered valuable service.

Chinese Work.

The superintendent of Chinese work reports the following: During the past year we have worked along three distinct lines—rescue work, the teaching of the children from Chinese homes, and house-to-house visitation. The missionaries have made about four hundred calls, have met and talked of the gospel in seventy-four families, twenty-one of whom

are Christian. We have had thirty-eight inmates in the Home, eighteen of whom are now Christians. Many very interesting families have gone to China or to some other part of the State. These take with them, wherever they go, the influences of Christianity. Many women come to us from China, knowing nothing of our religion or civilization, and adhere strictly to the customs and traditions of their country; and many who are born here know nothing of our customs or religion. It is difficult sometimes to reach these, on account of the prejudices and tyranny of kindred. Some of these are married by proxy to masters, and are brought here and kept in slavery. We meet these women occasionally. They find it hard to believe that our religion is for them. A few of them scoff at it; all of them admit that it is a blessing to us. In this Home seventeen girls and women have been rescued since October, 1893. Of these, four have returned to China, two have married, five are now in the Home, and the balance have gone to friends in this State. Our school is composed of girls resident in the Home and Chinese children from the outside. We have enrolled fifty-one during the year. The average attendance is thirty. The children are taught English and Chinese. Many of these meet with fearful opposition, and are beaten if they attend Sabbath-school or listen to Christian doctrines.

Japanese Work.

Mra. Ella J. Hewitt reports that there have been in the Home sixteen women and five children. Of these, three women and one child have returned to Japan. These are Christians, and, we trust, will be the means of leading their sisters to Christ. Two were especially fitted for usefulness, one having had experience in deaconess work in San Francisco, proving herself earnest and efficient; the other being a kindergartner. For two of the girls we have secured places in Mills' College; both of these are Christians, preparing for missionary work. Others will follow their example. Many come to us for protection and assistance until they can find places for service. Few who come to us have ever heard anything of Christianity. They listen to our teaching with respect and interest. Only those who know the temptations of their lives can realize the value of this Home. Besides those who have been inmates of the Home, many come to us for advice and help in many ways, so that its influence reaches out to the aid of all who come to this State. Our native workers are faithful and energetic, notwithstanding they often meet with scorn and rude rebuff from their erring sisters. The history of each individual in our Home, if space would admit, would be exceedingly interesting, and we are sure would enlist the sympathy of the philanthropic. The influence of this work in behalf of Japanese on the Pacific Coast is reaching out, not only throughout our own State, but across the waters, into the very heart of Japan, helping to hasten the day when the Island Empire shall own allegiance to the King of kings.

MRS. L. P. WILLIAMS, *Secretary.*

BUREAU FOR DEACONESS WORK.

UNTIL June, 1894, the Secretary of this Bureau gave much time and strength to its care and conduct. At that time my severe and critical illness made it necessary for me to rely upon others to conduct its work. During the summer my husband, Mr. George O. Robinson, took entire charge of my correspondence, and spent largely time and thought in meeting its needs. Mrs. Minard, of Buffalo, rendered valuable service as the Secretary of the Bureau, and her wise counsel and devotion to this work is making her a prized assistant. I must also give heartfelt acknowl-

edgment to the services of Mrs. Dr. R. S. Rust, who, in addition to her own heavy duties, patiently and carefully planned and executed for our National Deaconess Convention, held at Ocean Grove in August.

As the reports of the different Homes are read, the general progress of the work will be apparent. The financial question continues to be the one presenting the most difficulties. As the Society frees itself from debt, it will be found wise to enter upon some arrangement by which special financial privileges are accorded Conferences in which are located our Deaconess Homes. The deaconess work of Methodism is bound to wax strong. It is logically allied to the Woman's Home Missionary Society. Let us foster it, and, in so doing, aid in performing our work as a Society.

You will be glad to welcome Syracuse again as one of our Homes. San Francisco, also, takes its place again in the ranks. Grand Rapids is the first Deaconess Home erected purely with reference to the needs of the work. Brooklyn will report with Miss Downing, a well-known educator of our Church, as its superintendent. Pittsburg has the cheering tale of a beautiful new Home, acquired under the wise leadership of Mrs. Samuel Hamilton. Portland, Oregon, comes to us as a co-worker. Philadelphia is for you an example in her care for working-girls. Cleveland has a new interest in hospital work. Detroit closes a year of good service among the poor and needy. Baltimore has also acquired a new Home, for the Wilmington Conference has invited her to care for its deaconess work. Washington reports the gift of \$10,000 by the founders of the Sibley Hospital.

The first midsummer gathering for consultation and encouragement in behalf of the deaconess work under the auspices of the Society was held at Ocean Grove, August 6th and 7th. Twelve Deaconess Homes and Boards of Management were represented by fifty-three delegates. The attendance at the several sessions was large; discussions in Conferences were interesting and profitable, and the feeling was generally expressed that such a meeting should be held annually. In August our paper, *The Deaconess at Work*, issued its last number. For many reasons, it was decided to recommend that this paper be united to *Home Missions*; that the two should supplement one another, and form a strong Home Missionary organ.

Doctor and Mrs. I. N. Dalby, our faithful superintendents, both of whom labored so earnestly in the opening of our Lucy Webb Hayes Deaconess Home and Training-school at Washington, have left us to re-enter again the ministerial field. Rev. Alfred H. Ames, D. D., M. D., is the superintendent elected for the coming year. Let us pray God's blessings to rest, in guiding wisdom, upon him, that he may continue the good work begun by his predecessor.

And now, may I be pardoned if I say a personal word? When lying ill this past summer, and judged by those about me to be nearing the invisible world, our beloved President, Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk, came to me and remained with my watching husband until the tide of life turned, and I was pronounced out of danger. Can I ever forget her faithful friendship! If one is so faithful to a friend, what can she be to a Society of Christian women? Let us thank God for his guiding mercies, and for the President who leads us in our work.

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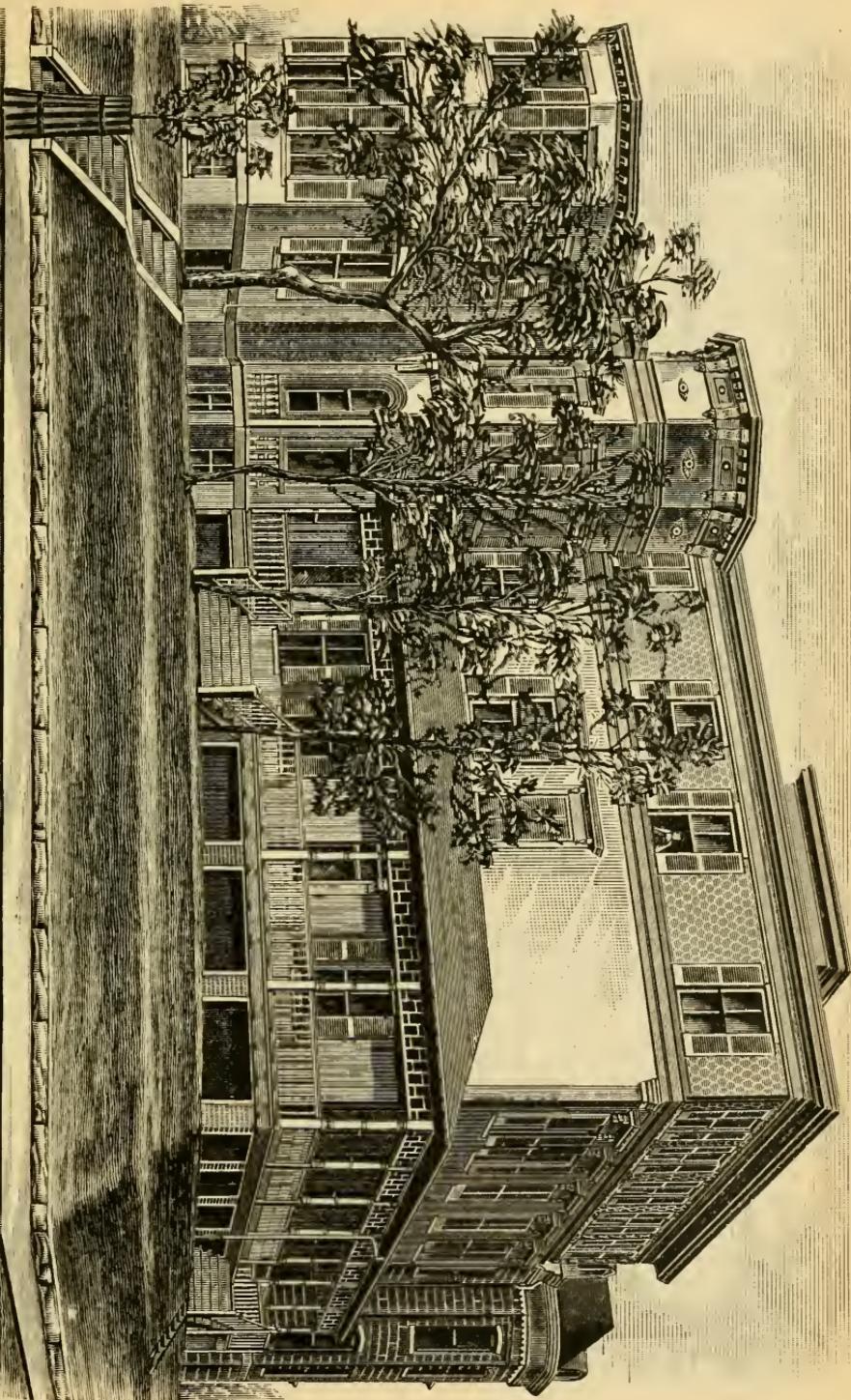
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The Woman's Home Missionary Society planned wisely when it decided to locate at Washington the National Training-school. Although the third year of its history has but recently closed, already its influence is far reaching, and its students are widely scattered. Mrs. Ida L. McCoy, Superintendent of the Cleveland Deaconess Home; Mrs. W. J. Aldrich, Superintendent of the Grand Rapids Home, Michigan; Miss M. A. Wells, Superintendent of the Baltimore Deaconess Home; Miss Margaret Bell, Miss Ellen Goodenough, Miss L. O. Davis, and Mrs. M. A. Bowden, Baltimore Home; Miss C. Henry, Buffalo Home; Mrs. H. Ida Benson, Superintendent of San Francisco Home, California; Miss Ida Lewis, Superintendent of Kent Home, Greensboro, N. C.; Miss Anna F. Mosher, Superintendent of Morristown Home, Morristown, Tenn.; Miss Mamie Olmstead, deaconess in Rome, N. Y.; Miss Z. Montague, New York Deaconess Home; these and more have we sent forth.

The school opens this year with a fine class of young women, and the Home is full to overflowing. Washington has great advantages for teachers, and we have an able corps of lecturers. Churches and societies who wish trained and successful workers should send them to our National Training-school. The course of study covers a period of two years, with Biblical and Medical Departments. Instruction is also provided in vocal music, elocution, kindergarten methods, domestic science, and physical culture. Lectures are given on Home and Foreign Mission-fields.

During the past year Mr. William J. Sibley, an honored member of Foundry Church, has generously donated a beautiful hospital to the Woman's Home Missionary Society, at a cost of \$10,000, in memory of his beloved wife, Dorothea Lowndes Sibley. The hospital is adjoining the Home, and will be a great blessing to the poor among whom the workers visit, as well as a good advantage in the training of nurse deaconesses.

The entire cost of a year's training, including room, board, and tuition, is from \$3 to \$5 per week, according to the share of household work assumed by the students.

Rev. Alfred H. Ames, D. D., M. D., has been elected President (or superintendent), and comes to the position fully qualified as an educator and an earnest Christian minister.

The institution is also most fortunate in having for its preceptress Mrs. Christine B. Dickinson, a consecrated woman who has wide experience in Christian work.

The Training-school is national in its character in that it depends upon the Church at large both for its patronage and its support. We are sure its past usefulness, and its promising future, will appeal to the sympathy of Christians everywhere.

Those who wish further information will please apply to Rev. Dr. A. H. Ames, D. D., M. D., Superintendent, 1140 North Capitol Street.

An Act of Incorporation, recently secured, provides that the National Training-school for Missionaries shall include the Lucy Webb Hayes Deaconess Home, the Sibley Hospital, and other departments as may be provided for. It further specifies that the object of the corporation shall be the preparation of Christian workers for efficient service; specifically, a Bible training-school, for the preparation of deaconesses, evangelistic and Sabbath-school workers; a Deaconess Home; a hospital, for the care of the sick and the training of nurses; an orphanage, for the training and care of children; a school of domestic science, where missionaries and deaconesses may receive training in the essentials of health, nutrition, and practical cooking; normal training for kindergarten and kitchen-garden methods, and other helpful agencies as the way may open.

It provides for local management, and that the work shall be carried on under the control of the General Board of Managers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which quarterly and annual reports must be made.

Also, that there shall be a General Committee, consisting of one or more ladies in each Conference Society, nominated by the Conference Board, and elected by the General Board of Managers, whose duty it shall be to secure the helpful co-operation of the Auxiliaries throughout the Conference in the work of the institution.

DEACONESS HOMES.

Aldrich Memorial.

Grand Rapids, Mich.

MRS. W. J. ALDRICH, Superintendent.

The Aldrich Memorial Deaconess Home was dedicated November 16th to the good work it was built to accomplish. Excepting for a portion of the third floor, the building was finished and furnished throughout. The Methodism of the Michigan Conference was well represented at the occasion, and full appreciation was given to Mrs. Aldrich, the founder and mover of this Christian philanthropy. Mrs. Aldrich spoke most feelingly and eloquently of the way she had been brought into this service when her life was made desolate by the death of her husband. Three years ago the work was begun, when the Conference Board of Nine of the Michigan

Conference placed the Deaconess Home and work in the care of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. At a joint meeting of the Conference and a Committee of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, a Board of Trustees was appointed to care for the work. A lot was purchased, and just as rapidly as the money was obtained, the work went forward. When there were no funds with which to proceed, the building paused. Concerning this, Mrs. Aldrich writes: "I have sometimes wondered, when we had to look upon this building, with windows boarded up and doors closed till spring, why this was permitted by our Father who holds the wealth of the world in his hands; but perhaps, in our eagerness, a lesson of patience was needed." Something over \$10,000 has been pledged, of which only a small amount remains unpaid. We want to congratulate the Deaconess Board of the Aldrich Home that it has a beautiful property, planned and built with sole reference to the deaconess work, ready to begin its usefulness with no debt, and with hopeful prospects in the sympathy and loving co-operation of the Conference.

Baltimore.

708 West Lombard Street,
MISS MARY WELLS, Superintendent.

The deaconess work in Baltimore began in February, 1892, in a small hired house. The Conference Board of Nine appointed a committee of five to care for the interests of the work. This committee appointed seventy-five managers to represent all the Churches of the city. Six of these managers were women. Afterward the managers were divided into two boards, the General Board of Managers and the Board of Trustees, the latter having charge of the property of the corporation. During this last year the Home has been signally blessed in becoming the owner of a commodious, comfortable house. To Mrs. Dr. John Neff, President of the Board of Managers, the credit is largely due for obtaining the Home. The property is worth, at a low estimate, \$10,000, and is nearly paid for. There are in the Home six workers. Miss Wells, the efficient superintendent, is a graduate from the Washington Training-school. In addition to her duties as superintendent, she weekly edits "Deaconess Field Notes," which are published in our Church papers. Beside the work that has been done among the sick and the poor in their homes, three industrial schools have been opened—one in connection with the Mt. Vernon Mission; another among the Hebrew population; and a third in the northwest portion of the city. We have also a school among the Bohemians, and yet another at the Seamen's Bethel. Baltimore has a large foreign population. There are 10,000 Bohemians, 7,000 Poles, and a vast number of Germans, Swedes, Irish, and colored people. By these schools we hope to reach the parents of these children, and aid both to Americanize and Christianize them. We rejoice in the auspicious commencement we have made, but realize that a great work lies yet before us.

Brooklyn.

1034 Bedford Avenue.
MISS HENRIETTA W. DOWNING, Superintendent.

Much interest is manifested by our ministers in our Deaconess Home. At the monthly meetings of the Board of Direction, presiding elders, pastors, laymen, and women assemble to listen to the reports and plans for the work. Each month the superintendent presents a full report of the work of each deaconess. Most of them are engaged in parish work under the direction of the pastors of the Churches. One deaconess has given part of her time this past year to visitation among the factory and working girls, gathering them into industrial classes and church services; and over one hundred of these girls have been lifted into the higher life by these influences.

Two hundred little children have been gathered into the sewing-classes, and have received Christian instruction. Since January, the increase in the number of our deaconess probationers has demanded more quiet in the Home, and some portions of the industrial work have had to be laid aside for the present. We hope to continue all among various centers in the vicinities of our churches, especially in the so-called "down-town" churches, whose fields of work are as truly missionary as any in foreign lands.

There are nine members in the training-school beside the superintendent. The instruction in the training-school has been of the character obtainable in well-organized schools. Ministers and physicians have been as regular in attendance, and apparently as thorough in preparation and as careful in delivery, as if they were addressing a class in college. The superintendent is convinced that such training is indispensable to the successful deaconess. The deaconesses who have worked under the direction of pastors, have made thousands of calls; hundreds of garments have been given away; thousands of papers and tracts carried to homes where reading matter is a luxury; employment secured for many, and admittance gained into hospitals and homes for the aged, for cripples, for incurables; and many poor sufferers have thus been relieved, who, but for our deaconesses, would still be suffering.

No record can be kept of the higher work, the prayers offered, and tender womanly sympathy freely given to the tried and discouraged and the overburdened. The best of all we are content to leave to the recording angel's pen. The superintendent writes: "If the work done by our deaconesses in Brooklyn is a fair sample of the work ever being done by these deaconesses elsewhere, then truly may the Woman's Home Missionary Society congratulate itself that in no line of work it has ever undertaken, has it come so near to the heart of the masses as in the deaconess work."

Buffalo.

108 South Division Street.

MISS E. A. SMITH, Superintendent.

The past year has been one of unparalleled success in the history of the Buffalo Deaconess Home. A more general interest has been manifested throughout the Conference. Large donations of supplies have enabled the deaconesses to relieve the distress in hundreds of families. Most interesting weekly meetings have been held at the Alms House, with an average attendance of one hundred. For the first time, through the efforts of the deaconesses, have regular midweek services been accorded the inmates. Five industrial schools have been maintained, one among the Italians, and one wholly for boys, which the Board hopes to develop into a manual training-school. A "Free Kindergarten" has been in successful operation during the entire year under the direction of a trained kindergartner. Notwithstanding the financial stringency, with the largest family since the opening of the Home, the year closes with money in the treasury.

Cleveland.

1058 East Madison Avenue.

MRS. IDA L. MCCOY, Superintendent.

Through many vicissitudes and discouragements the work has still grown, and at present its hopes are bright for the future. During the year there have been nine workers in the Home. At present there are thirteen. The Cleveland General Hospital, a new hospital just opened, has offered us special advantages. The Deaconess Board of Managers is represented upon the Hospital Board, and our deaconesses receive every advantage in training. Before another year we shall probably occupy a new Home in the vicinity of the hospital. Although three members of our Home have been

with us the requisite two years, two of them have not yet arrived at the age for consecration, and the other prefers to further complete her training before receiving consecration. Our work has an increasing interest in and out of the city, as is evidenced by the greater number of supplies sent us, and the number of applications received from those desiring to enter the work. We are hopeful for the future, and realize that it is ours to sow, and God giveth the increase.

Detroit.

53 Elizabeth Street, West.

MISS L. A. GADDIS, Superintendent.

With gratitude to God for a place in his vineyard, we close this year's work. We have had in all fourteen workers in the Home, five nurses, eight visitors, and a superintendent. One of our number, among the first to enter our Home, has been called home to her eternal rest—Miss Ida Wood, who died August 29th last. Her spirit of consecration and unselfishness made her a blessing to us, and many of our poor and sick people mourn her loss.

Our nurses receive their training in one of the city hospitals, living in the Home and going daily to the hospital for their work. Tillman Avenue Mission, which is in charge of Deaconess Kellar, still is prospered by the Master. Meetings of some kind are held almost nightly in the mission. The Sunday-school and sewing-school increase in interest and in power. Our cottage prayer-meetings, mothers' meetings, and women's sewing-classes have all been well attended. God has given us the privilege of rescuing souls from the homes of sin. Our nurse deaconesses are kept constantly busy among the sick poor. Some have seen hard service in this direction. It is ever necessary to curb the zeal of our workers. As the work proceeds, we feel that the hand of God has been guiding us. The atmosphere of our Home is full of his presence. I have not mentioned that our hours of Bible-study and other lessons relating to the training of the deaconesses, are constantly maintained. We need to express thanks to our workers for their loyal co-operation.

Knoxville.

515 Clinch Street.

MISS RHODA E. SIGLER, Superintendent.

The report for Knoxville consists of extracts from some monthly reports of Miss Sigler's, and from a letter of Dr. T. C. Warner, under whose direction Miss Sigler works. In June she writes: "I am still enjoying my little Deaconess Home and my work for the Lord. My days are full of service. The Home Missionary Society held their monthly meeting here yesterday. Their meetings have been well attended since I have been here. The Auxiliary promptly pays the deaconess and all her expenses. A collection is taken at every Wednesday evening prayer-meeting, which is called 'a collection for the poor.' This is always given to me for distribution." Her monthly report for July contained the following items: "One hundred and twelve calls have been made in homes of the sick and dying, and prayer-meetings have been held in eight homes. Women's meetings, children's meetings, and personal services have kept me very busy." Doctor Warner writes: "Sister Rhoda is thoroughly devoted to her work, and pursues it persistently, methodically, and successfully. She is most heartily indorsed by our official Board, the local Woman's Home Missionary Society, and the individual membership of our Church. I have but one complaint to make—she works too hard." We are pleased that this faithful worker has such signal appreciation.

Philadelphia.

611 Vine Street.

Our Deaconess Home was made possible about four years ago by the gift of the rent of a house. Two years later, Mr. James Bennett presented us with the fine house that we at present occupy, opposite a public square of trees, grass, and fountains. It has been beautifully furnished by our different Auxiliaries, and is our pride and pleasure. During the year our family has consisted of a matron, seven deaconesses, and part of the year a medical missionary. We have a lunch-room for working girls at the Home, having an average daily attendance of about seventy-five. A library has also been opened, containing several hundred volumes, for the use of the girls at the noon hour, at which time also a prayer-meeting is held. We are indebted to our Conference Board of Control for lectures during the winter. Our Donation-day is regularly observed in November. We have a committee on superintendency of the work and a house committee, all members of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, who together conduct the affairs of the Home. Nearly every evening of the week meetings are held. Our deaconesses are much appreciated, and their services are desired in our Churches. The figures given in the report will show what active service has been rendered by the deaconesses of our Home during the past year.

Pittsburg.

Mrs. H. E. GREGG, Superintendent.

This past year has been one filled with service for the Master by the workers of our Home in Pittsburg. The need and destitution of the past winter have made great demands upon us. Our Church people and various organizations have responded to our call for our suffering poor, and stored our poor closet with a great quantity of clothing. One baker supplied us with from one hundred to two hundred loaves of bread every week for several months. We have aided in all nine hundred and eighty-eight persons with food and clothing. We can truly say we have tried to fulfill the requirements of the Church Discipline for deaconesses in our ministering to the suffering. We have made nine hundred and thirty-two visits to the sick, have prayed for the dying and cared for the funerals of the poor, and, where no pastor could be obtained in one case, conducted the funeral services. We have sought the wandering, and have persuaded those who have been becoming indifferent, to return to Christ. We have secured employment for a number of persons, and permits for the sick to enter hospitals. We can keep a certain amount of statistics of our work, but our Heavenly Father only has the record of the weary, suffering, stricken hearts that have been comforted. We now have six industrial schools, one for colored children. It was started by our deaconesses. It began in July with eighteen scholars, and in one month's time the school had an enrollment of seventy-two. During the year we have secured a beautiful new Home for a permanent residence at a cost of \$10,500. We entered this Home September 28th, and October 18th, at the dedication services, the Woman's Home Missionary Society tendered the use of this house to the Board of Trustees for a Deaconess Home. We now number eight deaconesses. The outlook for our work is cheering, and the plans for usefulness in our Home are enlarging, and we believe that we have the Master's approval in the prosperity that has blessed our Home.

Portland, Oregon.

MISS ROSE MACLENNAN, Superintendent.

At the Executive Board meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Oregon Conference, held October 21, 1893, in Portland, Oregon, the agent of the Portland Hospital appeared before the ladies, stat-

ing that the Executive Board of the hospital desired the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Oregon Conference to take charge of the deaconess work in the hospital. The request was considered and a Committee ordered to take the matter under advisement, of which Committee Mrs. J. W. Bushong, so actively and efficiently interested in the work of the Society in the Oregon Conference, was made Chairman. As the result of their consultation, nine trustees were named from the Woman's Home Missionary Society, to act with the Board of Control of Deaconess Work in the Oregon Conference. As the result of the work of this joint Committee, the Jane Abraham Deaconess Home and Training-school was incorporated, and placed jointly under the auspices of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Oregon Annual Conference, Portland Hospital, and Portland University. Its affairs are managed by a local Board of Trustees, elected by the Executive Boards of the above bodies, the Board of Control and its life members. Sixteen of the twenty-four trustees must be, when elected, active members of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, thus giving the Woman's Home Missionary Society the greater control of this Home than of any other in the United States. The Woman's Home Missionary Society is represented on the Executive Board and upon all the Committees. We welcome gladly the Portland Home to our numbers.

San Francisco.

315 Castro Street.

Mrs. H. IDA BENSON, Superintendent.

The Deaconess Home in San Francisco, which last year was closed on account of the ravages of small-pox, that took from us one of our noble, self-sacrificing deaconesses, has been reopened under favorable circumstances. A bequest of \$1,000 has been received for the support of the enterprise. The Deaconess Bureau of the Conference deserves appreciation for its faith and courage in holding its organization, having regular meetings and retaining its courage until more favorable circumstances enable it to resume the work so well begun. It has now better prospects than ever before. Its superintendent is a consecrated woman and a graduate of the Lucy Webb Hayes Training-school.

Syracuse.

1519 Grape Street.

Miss SARAH M. BANTA, Superintendent.

No full report came from Syracuse since the Annual Meeting; but previous information leads us to know that this Home has been re-established, and is now in a much better financial condition than before. Miss Sarah M. Banta, who has had a valuable experience in work among the poor, is its present superintendent. The Home has five inmates and is doing good service in the city where it is located, and is winning increasing appreciation from the people.

Washington Home.

1140 North Capitol Street.

Rev. ALFRED H. AMES, D. D., M. D., Superintendent.

The work of the Lucy Webb Hayes Home is intimately identified with the National Training-school. Our deaconesses have won a welcome everywhere in Washington, in the homes of the suffering poor, and beside the bedside of the sick and dying, in the wards of our hospitals, and in the Churches, where they are inspiring our young men and women to more earnest and consecrated service. Their work is seen in the alleys of the poor districts, in the industrial and kindergarten schools, in revival services, and at camp-meetings. They are ever about our Master's business.

The Superintendents' Annual Report.

ITEMIZED SUMMARY.	Washington.....
Calls made,	8214
Opportunities for prayer and Bible reading,	
Visits to hospitals, jails, and penitentiaries,	
Reported to ministers for membership,	
Scholars gathered for Sunday-school,	
Scholars gathered for industrial school,	
Conversions,	61
Tracts distributed,	624
Sunday-school scholars taught,	
Meetings held and attended,	
Days and parts of days spent in nursing,	2149
Night watches,	
Families aided,	
Meetings addressed on deaconess work,	
Baskets of provisions distributed,	
Garments distributed,	
Hours spent in nursing sick,	
Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners given away,	
Bibles distributed,	
Situations found for unemployed,	
Lessons given in industrial schools,	
Cash spent for the poor,	
Hours spent in kindergarten,	
Hours spent in industrial schools,	553
Bouquets given the sick,	
Loaves of bread distributed,	
Holiday presents given children,	
Quilts distributed,	
Pastors aided in Church-work,	56
Fresh-air tickets distributed,	
Cans of fruit, jelly, etc., given away,	
Hours spent in study and class-work,	7320
Scholars taught in the industrial schools,	
Shoes and rubbers given away,	
Syracuse.....	4000
San Francisco.....	
Portland, Ore.,	
Pittsburg.....	
Philadelphia.....	
Knoxville.....	
Grand Rapids,	
Detroit,	
Cleveland,	
Baltimore,	
Buffalo,	
Brooklyn,	
Baltimore,	

Recommendations from the Deaconess Bureau.

At the meetings of the Deaconess Bureau, held at Williamsport, at the meeting of the Board of Managers the following propositions were considered and recommended:

First. That deaconesses licensed by the Conference Board of Nine,

but not recommended by Deaconess Homes, can not claim a residence in the Deaconess Home of the Conference without the permission of the Managing Board of such Homes.

Second. A Committee of six be appointed to arrange a plan that shall be suggested by the Bureau to the next Annual Meeting, as to the form of memorial that shall be presented to the next General Conference concerning the management of our work. The Committee nominated was Mrs. Geo. O. Robinson, Mrs. E. L. Rust, Mrs. D. A. Minard, Mrs. C. L. Roach, Mrs. M. C. Hickman, and Mrs. Samuel Hamilton.

Action was also taken in relation to the mutual duties and obligations of the local Executive Committee of the Lucy Webb Hayes Deaconess Home at Washington, and of the trustees of the same institution, and furthermore their relation to the General Executive Committee of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. The conclusions reached were presented to the General Board of Managers, and referred for further ratification to the Executive Board of the Society.

JANE BANCROFT ROBINSON, *Secretary.*

MOTHERS' JEWELS HOME.

National Home for Needy and Dependent Children.

WITH us, the past year has been one of varied experiences, one full of activities, and not a few reverses. We began the year with our small Home hospital full of little patients; we close it with a household of about fifty, all in full health.

At the beginning of our fiscal year, October, 8, 1893, no stroke of hammer had been heard on our new dormitory. The year closes with the beautiful edifice well under way. In the early spring-time, our whole farm was duly plotted, and prepared for the reception of seeds and grains, which we hoped would, by the blessing of God, bring us "our daily bread." The seeds well planted, we awaited the early fructifying showers, which came, and we seemed almost to see the springing grain and filling pod; but "the latter rain" failed us, and the burning, blistering winds of the heated term turned our acres on acres of waving meadow and "walls of corn" to a sere and yellow leaf; so that now, instead of a "harvest home" festival, we look on an empty cellar and a hungry bin.

Our children in the past year have taken advanced steps in school-work. We have thirty-five children in the York public schools, and their obedience and decorum have won for them a warm place in the hearts of the teachers and the School Board.

We have this year placed in homes, where they were adopted on trial, six children. A temporary home has been given to seven, and we have admitted five to our Home permanently. Three have been readmitted, and among the number a bright and amusing little Sioux Indian girl, "Wa-chika" (Little One), who was rescued and brought to us by Miss Meade, missionary to the Rosebud Indians.

We would be ungrateful if we did not speak of the timely aid that has come to us from many sources during this year of financial pressure and deficit in our farm and garden products. No other State has been more continuous in contributing to our needs than has the State of Michigan; nor would we, in speaking of our gracious helpers, omit to mention the Kimball Piano Company, and Mr. Otto Ballow. This company reduced one of their best rosewood pianos to the nominal price of \$100, which amount was paid by Mr. Ballow, who donated the instrument to us in memory of a little daughter now in heaven. In this connection, we desire also to make mention of Miss E. Middaugh, of Cleveland, Ohio, who came to us last Febr-

ary, giving us six months of faithful, loving service, both as teacher and musical instructor, and who, on the resignation of Mrs. Speer, assumed the more arduous rôle of matron. Our gratitude is due also to Mr. Benjamin Harnly, an aged gentleman, who has bequeathed to us two and a half acres of land for a fruit and flower garden.

But with our sweet there has been an intermingling of the bitter. Mr. Mehan, one of our contractors, who, with Mr. Morgan, the other contractor, gave our corner-stone, and assisted in its laying, was just at the completion of his work precipitated to the ground, a distance of fifty-six feet, the fall resulting in his death. This accident in connection with our beautiful services of the day, cast a gloom over our Home and the entire community.

During the visit of Bishop Walden and his wife, which was a benediction to the Home, we held a baptismal service in which he consecrated to the Lord in this holy ordinance eleven of our children. The last blessing of the year was the coming to us of our "Nestor" of the Mothers' Jewels Home, Mrs. A. R. Clark. Only those who know her can appreciate what an undergirding of strength and wisdom she brings.

And now, in retrospection, we note that we have had more sunshine than shadow, and that though we have passed through dark waters, they did not overflow us. Looking into the dim vista of the future, we see an outstretched Hand beckoning us to follow, and where He leads we will follow.

BURWELL AND ISABELLA SPURLOCK, *Superintendents.*

BOHEMIAN MISSION.

300 Maxwell Street, Chicago, Ill.

Five years ago we were holding all our services in a dark room adjoining a saloon, the proprietor of which was our landlord. Our Sunday-school was large, and apparently composed of street roughs of both sexes. Temperance was a thing unheard of. Our people died, and were carried out with no religious services whatever. Our young people had no idea of Christian charity; they had not seen a Protestant Bible, nor attended a Protestant service.

Now we hold our services in our own house, which is light and pleasant, though small. Our Sunday-school children are no longer roughs; the boys then fourteen, are nineteen now, and gentlemen. The interest in the Sunday-school is good and the behavior excellent, and our contributions for the last year amounted to \$50.30; of this amount, \$15 were contributed by a class of boys. Our young people are learning to do Christian work, and are organized as King's Sons and Daughters. Our kindergarten is one of the blessings which, five years ago, "we saw not," but hoped for. This benefit now comes to us through the Elizabeth Harrison Kindergarten Association. Our industrial school is full, and in connection with this work, many who are not in our Sunday-school are taught the Commandments, the Beatitudes, the Psalms, the Lord's Prayer, and many beautiful gospel hymns. A reading-room has been opened and largely patronized during the past winter. Preaching services, prayer-meetings, gospel-meetings, and young people's meetings have been conducted throughout the year in the Bohemian language. Our congregations are good, and they seem to be interested listeners to the gospel. Our Sunday-school is crowding us out of the building. If the crowd continues in the summer, we shall have to erect a tent in the yard for our overflow classes. We are full, upstairs and down, now. The mothers' meetings are well attended and interesting. Our kitchen-garden rejoices our hearts every time we go into it. Our present need is a more commodious building, for which we are putting forth most earnest effort. We need to double the capacity for every department now in operation, as well as to add others equally important to our success.

MRS. E. E. MARCY, *Chairman.*

GLENN INDUSTRIAL HOME.

359 West Fourth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio.

We can do nothing better in presenting the work of Glenn Home for the past year than to take a few clippings from the Annual Report, prepared by Mrs. Rust, adding here and there incidentally.

At the opening of the Conference year our hearts were burdened, for we had an empty treasury and no superintendent; but God, who supplies all needs, sent us our dear Mrs. Ruth Livezey, who came to us without money and without price, and whose presence was a benediction in our Home.

The work of the Home has been carried on by seven missionaries and teachers. Miss Rhuea Deakin has been superintendent of the missionary department since the opening of the Home. She reports 2,000 visits made, 75 conversions, 80 hours spent in hospital, 70 hours given to industrial work, 5,632 tracts distributed, 660 garments given to the poor, 50 families supplied with food, 500 bouquets given to the sick, 150 hours spent in Home of Incurables and Infirmary, 35 children brought in the Sunday-school, 25 books loaned, work found for 12 persons, 30 Bibles given away, 23 children baptized.

The parlor prayer-meeting has become an important agency in our mission work. These were held weekly, and enable us to reach those who could not be induced to come to Glenn Home or to the mission. Three years ago they were commenced, with seven mothers; this year seventy-five souls have been helped to the knowledge of Christ.

Two years ago the use of two buildings was donated by the Big Four Railway Company for our work. The one at the junction of Fifth and Front Streets is now known as the "Rhuea Deakin Mission;" and in the other, on Ramsey Street, No. 12, kindergartens, mothers' meetings, sewing-schools were opened, then a Sabbath-school at Front and Fifth. The Sunday-school now numbers from 65 to 75 children and adults. Evangelical meetings are held Thursday and Sabbath evenings. A promising Epworth League meets once a month. A coffee-room, opened in April, was closed for want of space, but was reopened. Good hot coffee and lemonade were served at noon to railroad and other working-men, who here, aside from the saloon, find a resting-place and profitable reading matter. Twenty-one meetings a month are held in connection with this mission, and at Ramsey Street the kindergarten and mothers' meetings, and a midweek prayer and praise service, when practicable.

Mrs. E. D. Worden, superintendent of kindergarten department, writes: "In closing the third year of our work, we feel thankful and encouraged by the fact that, although there has been much financial anxiety in our midst, we have been able to continue our three kindergartens with increasing numbers and usefulness, 150 children being enrolled.

"In addition to the ordinary kindergarten training, simple Bible lessons are given, illustrative of Bible subjects, and adapted to kindergarten methods.

"Our Normal School has grown. Where last year we had three graduates, this year we have seventeen. The closing exercises of the school were held at St. Paul Methodist Episcopal Church, Thursday evening, June 7th. Seven young ladies received diplomas, and ten received certificates for one year's work and study. In addition to the three kindergartens under the direct control of Glenn Home, we have associated with the kindergarten department two mission kindergartens of Covington, and four private kindergartens of Cincinnati."

The Cincinnati Cooking-school was inaugurated three years ago by the Glenn Home Board, which appointed Mrs. R. S. Rust and Mrs. O. J. Wilson a Special Committee to provide for it, with the result that two

years ago cooking was established as a department in the two high schools.

Constantly growing in favor, the school was opened again October 3, 1893. This year the approval of the School Board was secured for the introduction of the work into the intermediate grade, the ladies of the Committee feeling that it was even more important that girls below the high-school grade should have this teaching. Free instruction was offered pupils in the Second Intermediate School, Ninth and Main. The School Board granted a room in this building, and Miss Anna Broadwell was engaged as teacher. The ladies of the Special Committee, as they had done in the case of each of the two high schools, donated the kitchen outfit, consisting of gas-range, tables, and cooking utensils, costing over \$100. The School Board has approved the work.

In order to awaken interest and secure a favoring public sentiment in the city, it was necessary to provide for free instruction for a large number of pupils at the cost of expensive teachers and appointments. Through the influence of the Special Committee, friends of the enterprise outside of the Methodist Church contributed for this object within three years, \$3,250. The receipts last year of this department were \$1,317.58; expenditures, \$1,317.42.

Much of the success of the Home in the past has been due to our Chairman, Mrs. Wm. M. Ampt, and to the untiring efforts of our faithful Treasurer, Mrs. George H. Thompson; Mrs. John L. Coulter, and Mrs. W. A. Goodman, Jr., officers of the Cincinnati District; Mrs. W. B. Melish, Recording Secretary, who has interested the Masons of the city in our behalf; and to a long list of faithful ones in the different Auxiliaries of the Cincinnati Conference.

Mrs. Geo. H. Thompson reports receipts \$2,395.50; expenditures, \$2,214.99; balance, \$180.51.

We wish to thank our friends for past favors, and make a plea for future help.

MRS. I. D. JONES, *Chairman.*

REPORTS

OF

Conference Corresponding Secretaries.

BALTIMORE CONFERENCE.

ANOTHER year of successful work in our beloved Society has just closed. Not many new Auxiliaries have been formed, but those in existence have been strengthened, and our receipts are far in excess of last year.

The Conference Anniversary at Frederick, Md., was one of the most enthusiastic we have ever held. The summer meetings at Summit, Emory and Washington Grove were largely attended, and awakened new interest in Home Missions.

We have also been favored with the presence of our beloved President, Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk, in Baltimore and Washington. Mrs. May Leonard Wells spent a week in Baltimore and a Sabbath in Washington. She was warmly received, and her coming was of great advantage to the work.

Much zeal has been manifested in the Alaskan work. Washington supports four students in the Jesse Lee Home, at Unalaska; also a student in Ritter Home. The work in New Mexico has claimed a share of attention. Baltimore is largely engaged in deaconess work, and has a most efficient Local Board of Management, of which Mrs. Dr. Neff is President. During the year they have purchased a fine property, located at 708 West Lombard Street. The deaconesses are untiring in their labors with the sick and poor. They have missions and industrial schools among the Bohemians and Jews. Grace Church supports a student in Ritter Home.

Through the untiring efforts of the Conference Secretary of Supplies, more work has been done in this department than in any previous year. Many valuable boxes have been sent out from Washington and Baltimore; also from Frederick District.

The importance of the National Training-school and Deaconess Home at Washington can not be overestimated. The labors of the students and deaconesses are a constant benediction to our National Capital. In our streets and alleys, among the sick and poor, in kindergarten and industrial schools, in revival services in the Churches, everywhere, their influence is felt for good.

Mr. Wm. J. Sibley, a highly esteemed member of Foundry Church, has presented to our Society a beautiful hospital, named in memory of his beloved wife, Dorothea Lowndes Sibley. This property adjoins the Deaconess Home. Its doors will ever be open to the sick and needy, and we know our Heavenly Father will reward our dear brother for his generous gift.

We look forward to the coming year with hope and faith, and fully expect to enlarge our borders.

MRS. CLARA L. ROACH, *Corresponding Secretary.*

CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE.

OUR Conference Society, though struggling, is full of hope. Our faith is strong and the prospect encouraging. During the past year we have organized four new Auxiliaries, one quite important one in San Francisco, from which we shall expect good work. The other three have just started, and will not be reported in this year's work. They also have two new mission circles. Our Deaconess Home is again open. We have been fortunate in securing, as our superintendent, Mrs. Benson, from the Washington Training-school. Also, Mrs. Jenkins, from the New York Training-school, as head of our nurse department. With such helpers we are hoping for great success. We expect to open our training-school at once. Now that the Woman's Home Missionary Society has taken the work among the Chinese and Japanese, and the headquarters for the Bureau is here, we purpose to do all we can to help in this department of work. Mrs. Williams, the Secretary of the Bureau, will report the work. We regret exceedingly that we are at so great distance that we are unable to attend the Annual Meetings.

MRS. P. G. BUCHANAN, *Corresponding Secretary.*

CENTRAL NEW YORK CONFERENCE.

WHILE the Woman's Home Missionary Society in Central New York Conference has made no large advance in numbers during the fiscal year, our financial record proves that our societies are working more intelligently and systematically, because of a better knowledge of the nature of the work committed to us. We find this especially the case where the reading course has been adopted, and the *Woman's Home Missions* generally taken and read. We are sorry that we can not report a "reading-circle" for every Auxiliary in the Conference.

One Auxiliary and two mission-bands have been organized, and thirteen life-members have been added during the nine months; the greater part of the money secured for that purpose was raised by thank offerings and mite-box collections.

Two beneficiaries have been supported in "Ritter Home,"—one by Elmira District, and one by the "Lend-a-hand" Circle of King's Daughters in the First Church Auxiliary at Syracuse.

The Young Ladies' Circle at Penn Yan supports a girl in the "Jesse Lee Memorial Home," Alaska, at a cost of \$50; and also sent clothing and furnishings, value not reported. The District Secretary writes: "This circle is a valuable training-school, and a few good workers will be the result."

Fifty dollars has been raised for the support of a little boy in the "Mothers' Jewels Home," secured mostly from the mothers' jewels. Ten dollars was also sent to the same place for the Clark Kindergarten. A beneficiary is supported in Stickney Home. Thus \$440 have been raised for the General Fund and beneficiaries, besides the annual dues. Money and supplies have also been sent to our Deaconess Home.

Great interest is manifested in the Supply Department; and, at a very low estimate, our supplies were valued at \$2,009.66.

The Conference and the three District Associations hold two meetings each year, which are very helpful to those who attend.

We covet a place for the Woman's Home Missionary Society in every Church in the Conference, and to this end the Conference and district officers are working. Could this be accomplished, we believe that every other interest of the Church would be stimulated by activity in this department.

One Secretary (after reporting the good work done by their Auxiliary) said: "Shall we not venture to count into our work the increased prosperity which has marked the *Woman's Foreign Missionary Auxiliary* in our Church since the date of organization of our Woman's Home Missionary Society here? For this is a certified fact: this Church carries both societies *more easily* to-day than she carried the Foreign *alone* previous to 1883, and she is not so strong financially now as then; moreover, our general missionary collections are steadily and rapidly increasing also."

This is not the only instance on record where societies are helpful to each other; and we resolve to use the *best there is in us* the coming year to awaken home missionary zeal in all our Churches. Thus we will indirectly help every other Church enterprise throughout our Conference.

MRS. W. A. BROWNELL, *Corresponding Secretary.*

CENTRAL OHIO CONFERENCE.

CENTRAL OHIO CONFERENCE was honored last year in entertaining the Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers, and an impulse was given to the work of home missions which was felt throughout the Conference. We number five new Auxiliaries in Toledo District as the more immediate results of that meeting, while several other new organizations have been effected during the year. We hope to make *permanent* the interest awakened. Our Annual Meeting, held at Bellefontaine, in May, was one of unusual interest; the keynote being, "Consecration is the highest condition of success." Our work was also represented at the Annual Conference in September by our Treasurer, Mrs. W. G. Williams. Each of our six districts has had at least one large, enthusiastic meeting; and, in some instances, an hour was allotted us during the District Preachers' Convention. The ministers not only commend our work, but pledge themselves to open the way for organization wherever practicable. While Ritter Home still continues to be the center of interest for our Conference, no department of work has been overlooked. Many Auxiliaries have been loyal to the General Fund, sending their money to be used under the direction of the General Board. The Auxiliary at St. Paul's Church, Toledo, alone paid \$189 to the General Fund. The Department of Supplies finds ready response in generous hearts, and is the favorite work of most of our new Auxiliaries.

As the needs and efficiency of the Woman's Home Missionary Society become known, the interest deepens and the work advances. The earnest, self-sacrificing women of Central Ohio Conference have done what they could, with our watchword ever in mind, "Neither will I offer unto the Lord of that which cost me nothing."

MRS. M. H. DAVIS, *Corresponding Secretary.*

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE.

LIKE some weary traveler who has toiled for many a day up a steep and rugged path, stumbling over obstacles and sinking into crevasses, but who comes out at last upon some sun-kissed height, and draws one long breath of satisfied delight, so we, of the Central Pennsylvania Conference, stood at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers at Williamsport. For ten years some of us had carried the burdens of our Conference work, struggling against great odds and many discouragements, chief among which was a lack of information about our work. But we trusted that the

coming among us of our workers from all parts of the country would bring to us a large gift of intelligent and sanctified enthusiasm; and so we stood rejoicing on the height toward which we had been looking for a twelve-month.

During the past year eight new Auxiliaries have been formed; but as several of the old have fallen out by the way, we can not report much increase. Many causes have militated against our success; among them, troubles in the mining regions, general business depression, and the presence, in our borders, of a contagious disease. Worst of all, the floods have swept over us; and so storms of disaster from all quarters have beaten down our hopes. In the face of all this opposition, it is with a thrill of thanksgiving to almighty God that we record that the report of our Treasurer is at least \$50 in advance of the previous year. Supplies are somewhat less than formerly, because of the larger amount of local work necessitated by the wants of the poor in all our cities and towns.

Our special pledge of \$100 missionary salary was more than raised, if we count the whole year, and three-fourths of it had been paid over at the end of the nine months closing the fiscal year in June. The \$50 we promised on the Ritter Home debt was made \$65 (for the full year). The \$10 pledged on the Clark room in Mothers' Jewels Home was paid in March, and the \$20 assumed for a fence at Thayer Home came in with the last quarter's report. The contributions to these special funds, which have come by special efforts, were made by the following Auxiliaries: Chambersburg, Carlisle, New Cumberland, Grace (Harrisburg), Hazleton, Shamokin, Sunbury, Berwick, Jersey Shore, Milton, Mulberry Street (Williamsport), Grace (Williamsport), Pine Street (Williamsport), Eighth Avenue (Altoona), Houtzdale, and Mountain Grove Camp. Some of these amounts were used, also, to name life-members; besides which there were two personal gifts, of \$20 each, from Mrs. Mary E. Haverstick and Mrs. Elizabeth Jackson, each constituting a life-member.

The receipts from our mite-boxes were never so large by one-third, \$155 having been raised in them; largely due to the efficiency of our Mite-box Secretary, Mrs. Frain.

Of beneficiaries we have had three—one in Mothers' Jewels Home, supported from mite-boxes; one in King Home, by the young ladies of Mulberry Street; and one in Ritter Home, by Newton Hamilton Camp-meeting.

Some new officers have been added to our staff this year, thus relieving the Secretary and broadening interest: these were the Secretary of Supplies, Mrs. Leidy; Secretary of Young People's Work, Mrs. Crawford; and Secretary of Reading Circles, Mrs. Staples. Mrs. Crawford has also materially aided the Conference Secretary by organizing and stimulating societies in Williamsport District.

Our camp-meeting services were very interesting and encouraging; Mrs. Wells speaking for us at Mountain Grove and Hazleton, and Mrs. Albright at Newton Hamilton.

The Conference Anniversary, at which we were honored with the presence of our President, Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk, though held in a time of pouring rain, was largely attended. Inasmuch as we have no deaconess work, it was quite a surprise that we were invited by the pastor in charge to conduct a Deaconess Meeting during the Annual Conference; and this, too, was an occasion of remarkable interest.

Slowly and surely have we climbed the steep road we have come, always upward and onward, never backward. Cautiously still, but with a courage born of confidence in our leaders and faith in our Father, we hope to go on to the serener heights that lie just beyond. Then, on the mount of God, may we see of the fruit of our labors, and hear the Master's "Well done!"

MRS. T. L. TOMKINSON, *Corresponding Secretary.*

CINCINNATI CONFERENCE.

"O, GIVE thanks unto the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endureth forever."

We would, indeed, be very ungrateful if we did not open our report with a song of praise and thanksgiving.

For three consecutive years the Cincinnati Conference has come to the Board of Managers reporting a financial increase over the year before; and as these three years have been years of financial depression, we thank God and take courage. We realize that this result could not have been attained had not our district and Auxiliary officers been faithful, conscientious servants of the Society.

Our membership has increased about two hundred. Creditable reports have been received from the Secretaries of Mite-boxes, Supplies, Reading-circles, and Young Peoples' Departments.

The necessity of promptness in the payment of membership dues has been especially emphasized, and as a result our Conference paid more money during the first quarter into the general treasury than any other Conference.

A great deal of thought and hard work have been given to the gathering of our thank-offerings. The envelopes were placed in the hands of the Treasurers of the Auxiliaries, with the request that each member receive an envelope with her name written thereon. Thus no one was overlooked, and each felt that the envelope received was intended especially for her. The sum total was gratifying.

Our special work, Glenn Home, is on a surer foundation than ever before. We have seen dark days, but our faith has not failed, nor our zeal grown cold.

Our treasury was almost depleted at the beginning of the past year, and we were without a superintendent. God saw our need, and sent us our dear Mrs. Livezy, who came to us without money and without price. The grace and gentleness of her sweet personality has been a blessing in our Home. This year God has been equally as good in giving us Miss Carhart, who also serves us gratuitously. Miss Carhart is master of the situation, being a perfect housekeeper, and a young lady filled with the missionary spirit.

The ladies of the Cincinnati District gave their usual five days' lunch in behalf of the Glenn Home. This was a pleasant social occasion, liberally patronized by the friends of the Home, and proved to be a financial success. The report of Glenn Home is given elsewhere.

Our Annual Conference meeting, held at Troy, in May, was a very enthusiastic one. A greater number of visitors and delegates were in attendance than on any previous occasion. The church was filled with attentive listeners, even through the business sessions, and at night the capacity of the church was tested to hear the Annual Address, delivered by the Rev. A. H. Lucas.

The spirit of our Conference has been excellent. With charity for all other organizations of our beloved Methodism, we are endeavoring quietly to do our duty as in His sight.

Our Conference is becoming more and more in earnest for the thorough Christianization of America; believing that while nothing that affects mankind at large should be alien to us, God will hold us responsible for the salvation of America as he will not hold us responsible for the salvation of any other country.

MRS. I. D. JONES, *Corresponding Secretary.*

COLORADO CONFERENCE.

AN analysis of the financial report this year will show that the interest of the Colorado Conference in the purposes of the Woman's Home Missionary Society is unabated. It will show, however, that we have been compelled to change somewhat the distribution of our offerings. The paralysis of the most important division of our mining industry has cut down the support of our mountain pastors to a point where our Macedonian call was to fields very near our own doors.

The receipts at this writing are about \$650. This is \$175 less than last year. But the purchasing and making of supplies for the frontier work is \$1,897.68, an increase of \$700 over last year. This makes a net total increase from all sources over last year of \$525. The distribution of the cash receipts has been one-half dues to the General Treasurer, \$50 to the Mothers' Jewels Home at York, Nebraska, for the support of one child there; \$5 to the Dulce Indian Mission, and the remainder to the heroes of our own frontier. The mite-box offerings have been appropriated to the missions within our own boundaries, and to the Loan Library of Conference books for our underpaid brothers, who are endeavoring to keep up their Conference courses of study.

The last Annual Meeting, the second, was held in Colorado Springs, with much enthusiasm.

A Loan Library was organized; the assistance of our frontier pastors was laid on our own Churches. It was necessary to withdraw from the support of Albuquerque. But this, we trust, is only temporary.

The next Annual Meeting will be held at Greely, Colorado, November 15th and 16th.

Three hundred and twenty-eight *Woman's Home Missions* are taken in our Conference. Our workers are faithful and hopeful. The Executive Meetings have been held with uninterrupted regularity. We mourn with our president, Mrs. A. C. Peck, the death of her little son. We turn our faces to a brighter future, which is certain to come to our great State, holding on meanwhile with prayers and sacrifice to every interest to which we have put our hands.

MRS. C. B. SPENCER, *Corresponding Secretary.*

DETROIT CONFERENCE.

WE have great reason for encouragement with the report of the year's work. We have added to our number of Auxiliaries and membership during the past year.

It is almost impossible to get complete reports, and as arrangements have been made to close our fiscal year the first of July, our report will not be as complete as formerly.

Eighty-six Auxiliaries have been reported from the seven districts, with a membership of 2,169; this is an increase of fifteen Auxiliaries. Life members reported, 206; members of mission bands, 68; Mother's Jewels, 123.

The seven districts in our Conference are very well organized, except Lake Superior. We have only three Auxiliaries upon this district. It is one of our large frontier fields, and comprises the upper Peninsula.

The Supply Department has done a great deal toward aiding the work. The amount given being larger than that of last year.

Last year we sent out supplies valued at \$2,508.78; this year, valued at \$2,736.11, and cash supplies amounting to \$751.63. Total for supplies, \$3,487.74.

It was so arranged last year that our cash supplies should apply on our frontier appropriation, as we had found it impossible each year to meet this.

We appropriated last year \$3,100 to the frontier work in Michigan, and \$3,500 to deaconess work. This, with the appropriation to the General Society, made \$7,500.

Of this amount we have raised \$6,446.17 this year; last year, \$6,437.80.

We have raised through mite-boxes, \$187.88

The Ministers' Loan Library has five hundred and fifty-one volumes, used by sixty-three persons. We have received from the Auxiliaries \$115.80, and have an endowment of \$500 from the late Mrs. E. E. Royer, which is at interest, to aid this department.

There is much interest in the "Mothers' Jewels Home," and nearly \$100 has been sent there, beside several Auxiliaries are clothing children in the Home.

With a reported membership of 2,167, only 571 copies of *Woman's Home Missions* are taken.

We regret to say that it is very difficult to inspire the members of our Reading Circles. Their lives seem so crowded that this is allowed to pass by. It is certainly much wiser to have a course of systematic reading than a desultory one. We have only two reported Circles, and they are not very enthusiastic.

It is not strange that the Woman's Home Missionary Society appeals to the Churches in our Conference. We have twenty-one ministers receiving a salary of less than \$200 per year, and with few exceptions they are supporting a wife, from one to four children, and a horse, upon this amount. One of these men has received only \$79.

Our efforts as a Woman's Home Missionary Society have been largely to aid these charges where the ministers received such small salaries.

In many instances these men would not have comfortable clothing, nor be able to pursue their course of study, were it not for the aid given these charges from the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

These men are not objects of charity; they are simply willing to sacrifice that the kingdom of Christ may be advanced.

If they had the opportunity of the business world, or were they in a field where the ability of the people were sufficient, they would command salaries sufficient to support them. We are not willing to have it appear that we are aiding the ministers, but helping the people to support the preaching of the gospel in their localities.

We have had one bequest during the year—\$324.23 from Harietta Betts, Grass Lake.

MRS. LILLIAN M. HOLLISTER, *Corresponding Secretary.*

EAST OHIO CONFERENCE.

We are glad to report increased interest in home missionary work throughout our Conference. We now have sixty-nine Auxiliaries; an increase of seven, with a membership of 1,504. More money has been raised this year than ever before. A bequest of \$100 was paid from the estate of Mrs. Wyatt, of Bedford, O. We assumed the support of Miss Elliott, of Peck Home, New Orleans, and daughter of one of our ministers. Help was also given to the East Ohio Home at Provo, Utah, to the Indian Schools, to Ritter Home, and other places. This year the local missionary work of Cleveland and the deaconess work were united. Mr. W. F. Walworth and other Christian gentlemen purchased an excellent property, valued at \$9,000, for a permanent Deaconess Home. This will be occupied about May 1st. Ten deaconesses are now connected with the Home, five of them are being trained as nurse deaconesses. It is proposed to make the Deaconess Home the center for distribution of supplies to the destitute of the city.

Three years ago Miss Nina Pershing, one of our missionaries, was sent

into a destitute portion of the city to organize a mission. Her labors were very successful; the Sunday-school increased rapidly, soon numbering two hundred scholars. This year a Church was organized, and a pastor sent there from Conference. We hope to do better work the coming year than we have ever done before.

MRS. M. C. HICKMAN, *Corresponding Secretary.*

EAST TENNESSEE CONFERENCE.

THE Fourth Annual Meeting of our Society was held October 16, 1894, at Dayton, Tenn.

The reports were very encouraging. Our local reports were better than ever before.

The meeting was well attended by delegates, and we planned large things for the new year's work.

Dr. J. S. Hill, president of the Morristown Academy, preached our annual sermon. It was one of great power, and it clearly demonstrated our work.

Elder E. Provine and Rev. L. Diggs, the pastor in charge, were present at every session, and gave us very encouraging addresses.

Mrs. Colonel Springer came to this Conference last February, and lectured at the following cities and towns: Chattanooga, Cleveland, Knoxville, and Morristown. Her lectures greatly strengthened the Auxiliaries, and many members were added.

We have one hundred members in our Conference. It is very difficult to get twenty-five cents from each on membership dues.

This has been a very hard year financially. Every enterprise has fallen behind, owing to financial stringency.

Visiting the sick, feeding the hungry, and clothing the needy, is work that our members do readily. They have helped the ministers of our Conference in supplies to the amount of fifty dollars.

No special work has been done for the General Society this year above the membership dues.

Some of our Auxiliaries have worked bravely, while others have flickered and died; but we are glad that, as time moves on, our work seems to be done less by impulse and more from principle. Some of us are in earnest, and work more from a desire to obey the Lord's command.

MRS. CORA PROVINE, *Corresponding Secretary.*

ERIE CONFERENCE.

THE statistics of our Conference do not show an increase of numbers or subscribers to *Woman's Home Missions*, yet if the unwritten figures could have appeared in each quarterly report, our line in the Annual would give us a better showing. We are looking hopefully to the time when full and regular quarterly reports shall come up from every Auxiliary and every district in the Conference, but that time is not yet. Our advance, however, is not so much on the line of new work as in the direction of strengthening our present forces. All through our bounds is a manifest desire to understand more thoroughly the organization in its methods of work, and the duty of the Auxiliary and the individual to the general work. The result is a more watchful and intelligent inspection of the work undertaken by the Conference Board, a more systematic distribution of money and supplies, and a growing loyalty to the claims of the Society. As we closed our year with the new ending of the fiscal year, we gave to the Con-

ference only a three-quarters report. This made a slight difference between our report and that brought by the pastors, but we are working up to the change with little confusion.

Our annual Executive Board Meeting was invited to Chautauqua again this year. It was largely attended, and was a very successful session. The Conference Anniversary was held at Fredonia, N. Y., September 13, 1894. We were favored with a short address by Rev. W. P. Bignell. Mrs. Baker, our Conference President, followed him in a stirring appeal for the cause. The home missionary spirit was at white heat through much of the Conference session; Chaplain McCabe was full of it, and gave it out in gospel measure. Rev. T. C. Iliff, of Utah, electrified and enlightened both preachers and people with some unwritten history of home mission work in Utah and elsewhere. The Conference gave him a contribution of over forty dollars.

Early in the winter, Father Hoyt, of Panama, gave to our Auxiliary there a donation of one hundred dollars, to be expended for frontier sufferers. Several smaller donations have been made during the year to beneficiaries, and to the General Fund. Each district has held its annual meeting, and the general expression has been, "The best we ever attended." The pastors have cordially received and attended these meetings, and in some cases the presiding elders have favored us with their presence and co-operation. The pressure of "hard times" has been sorely felt in some parts of our field, but the apportionments have been more than met, and the Organizer's Fund of one hundred and fifty dollars has been paid in full, so that our financial basis seems more secure than heretofore. The support of five beneficiaries is guaranteed; this is not a part of our apportionment, but in excess of it, and most of this money has passed into the treasury. We are largely indebted to our Circles and Epworth Leagues for this money.

Several new life members have been made, three Auxiliaries organized, and two or three bands formed. The fifty new subscribers have been secured, but failure to report, and in some instances to renew, makes our reported list seem no larger.

Sickness and death have entered many of our homes, and some of our societies have been sorely bereaved. Mrs. J. N. Porter, of Brocton, N. Y., was a victim of railway disaster, and she and her only son were together translated. Our beloved President, Mrs. Baker, has been deeply stricken. Her only son, in the strength of his manhood, has gone on before. Our Conference delegate was detained because of the sudden death of Mrs. Jennie Ellis, on whom Forestville Auxiliary depended as a leader.

The Lord is with us, however, and we are expecting the coming year to be more fruitful than the past. There is no sound of retreat in all our borders. *MISS ANNIE M. CUMMINGS, Corresponding Secretary.*

FLORIDA CONFERENCE.

WE regret that we are not able to make a better report of the year's work, but all through our State the people have been almost overwhelmed by the financial troubles, and there has been much sickness everywhere. But through it all many of the Auxiliaries and Mission Circles have done well, and much local missionary work, in visiting the sick and distributing supplies, has been accomplished.

Boylan Home opened its doors for the reception of pupils in October, and many parents rejoiced in the opportunity to send their children to such a school as the Home affords, under the care of such experienced

teachers. The school has quite a large attendance of day scholars, and many applications for boarding pupils, and is a blessing to Jacksonville.

Ebenezer Auxiliary, Jacksonville, has lost two faithful members by death, Mrs. Lucy Davis and Mrs. Clarissa Glover. They suffered long, but waited patiently until the Master said unto them: "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of thy Lord."

We trust that we will enter upon the work of the new year with fresh zeal and renewed consecration, and that it will be a year of abundant success.

MRS. D. I. GRANT, *Corresponding Secretary.*

GENESEE CONFERENCE.

THE work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society in Genesee Conference is moving steadily forward, notwithstanding the fact that the total number of members is somewhat smaller than that given one year ago. This is owing in many, if not all, instances to the great financial depression in our land, rather than to any lack of interest in the cause of home missions.

There have been nine new organizations during the year, showing an increasing general interest in the work. District meetings have been held in five districts, all of them interesting and profitable. Our Silver Lake Assembly Anniversary was more largely attended than usual, and all were greatly interested in the excellent address on "Home Missions," given by Dr. W. C. Wilbor, of Buffalo. We were highly favored in having Mrs. E. L. Albright with us at our Conference Anniversary, and all who were present spoke in glowing terms of the interest and success of the meeting. Our Deaconess Home in Buffalo is constantly growing in favor with the people throughout the Conference, as well as with those in the city where it is located, and where the results of the work of our deaconesses can be more readily seen and appreciated. Our Auxiliaries have done nobly in the work of sending supplies to our frontier ministers and to our missionaries in the South. Owing to the change in the time of closing the fiscal year of our Society, there has been considerable confusion in many of the Auxiliaries, and the amount of money raised is not so large as it would otherwise have been; but notwithstanding this, we are glad to report an increase of about fifty dollars over the amount raised during the corresponding nine months of last year, as compared with the nine months which compose the present fiscal year; namely, from October 15, 1893, to July 15, 1894. For the total amount of both money and supplies, see the report of the Treasurer.

MRS. ELIZABETH B. GREEN, *Corresponding Secretary.*

ILLINOIS CONFERENCE.

WE can not report, at this time, the number of new Auxiliaries or the number of districts organized, for which we hoped at the beginning of the year. But we confidently believe that we were never better, if as well, equipped to advance the interests of our Society as we are now. Mrs. A. W. Conklin, Decatur, our newly-elected President, even now seems to have a grasp upon the work which gives confidence for the future. Many of our Auxiliaries have done superior work. Mission Circles and Mothers' Jewels Bands are not left out of the account. Reckoning our year from Conference to Conference, our cash gifts to General and Special Funds are encouragingly in advance of last year. Three new Auxiliaries have been effected. The young ladies of Carlinville reorganized themselves, and are enthusiastic in their plans.

The interests of the Society have been presented before three District Ministerial Association meetings. After one such occasion—at Rossville, Danville District—the ladies of the Church organized an excellent Society, and reported to the Corresponding Secretary. This is encouraging.

Our Conference anniversary was the best we ever held. The addresses by Bishop Bowman and Dr. Iliff, of Utah, were eloquent, because “thought, swining in feeling, is eloquence.” We were greatly favored at our Annual Meeting in having, the first evening, an address from Dr. Thornton, pastor of the First Church, Danville, and formerly Superintendent of Missions in New Mexico. He spoke not only from a full heart, but with a broad understanding of the purposes of our Society and the growing demands of our work. The second evening Mrs. W. D. Best, the retiring President, delighted the audience with a charming address, after which the Conference Secretary spoke especially of the scope of the General Society. Our hope and prospect for a Deaconess Home in our Conference brighten continually.

Diligently we shall work, believing that the Master will be in our midst to inspire our faith, quicken our courage, and give wisdom for our efforts.

MRS. B. S. POTTER, *Corresponding Secretary.*

IOWA CONFERENCE.

THE Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Iowa Conference held its anniversary in the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Fairfield, September 14th, during the session of the Conference. An excellent address by Mrs. Rev. D. Murphy was listened to with great interest by the large audience. Many hearts were touched and many consciences aroused to a more intelligent sense of duty. The Corresponding Secretary's report showed an increase of interest—the Auxiliaries having done good work; one strong, healthy Auxiliary having been organized; three life members made; and fifteen charges, where we have not yet organized, having contributed to the work during the year. The Treasurer's report showed an increase in cash over any former year, but a less amount in supplies. Since that time, the appeals for help on the frontier are being responded to heartily, and many willing hands are busy preparing and packing boxes for the drought-stricken regions. May the dear Savior help us in this work in his name!

MRS. W. F. COWLES, *Corresponding Secretary.*

KANSAS CONFERENCE.

THE Woman's Home Missionary Society in the Kansas Conference has not enjoyed the rapid growth so earnestly hoped for. It has been very difficult to secure officers for the district organizations who were able to give the time and labor necessary to make the work successful. We very much need some one to canvass the entire Conference, to organize new Auxiliaries, and enthuse those already in existence. The public meeting held during the session of our Annual Conference was very helpful. Bishop Vincent delivered the address, and gave the Society most hearty recommendation.

At the Annual Meeting of our Society, held at Seneca last May, Mrs. Hila B. McBride was elected Conference President, and the duties of Corresponding Secretary fell upon me. I have tried hard to advance the work by correspondence and public addresses.

In this new State of ours, where no improvements of any kind whatever were inherited by the present generation, much necessary local work has been done, of which no mention can be made in this report. Topeka

First Church has paid one hundred dollars during the year to our school in Albuquerque, thus furnishing a room, which they have named "Topeka." Atchison Auxiliary has done much local and home work. Lowman Chapel has aided the Bohemian school at Evanston, Ill. Centralia Auxiliary has taken Mothers' Jewels as its special work. All the Auxiliaries have furnished supplies for needy families; and the majority have sent, or are ready to send, boxes to needy pastors on the frontier.

MRS. SADIE A. BROWN, *Corresponding Secretary.*

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE.

AT our last Annual Conference we had with us Mrs. Bishop Walden and Mrs. Colonel Springer, who gave very encouraging talks on the work. The Board left with new zeal to work for the Master. We have Auxiliaries throughout the State. We have several Auxiliaries in the city of New Orleans, which hold regular monthly meetings. Wesley Chapel has the leading Auxiliary. At the District Conferences, meetings were held in the interest of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. The work is progressing.

MRS. A. M. MARSHALL, *Corresponding Secretary.*

MAINE CONFERENCE.

WE joyfully come, in this beautiful autumn-time, to bring the fruitage of another fiscal year. In our broad land are many workers—some with their shining sickles; others with their gleaming scythes, mowing wider swaths; still others with their powerful reapers, gathering the fertile prairies' golden harvest. These toilers go into the highways and lanes of our cities, along our vast frontiers, and into the homes of our rural districts; but each follows the high behest of the one great Husbandman.

The field which we represent has twenty-two Auxiliary Societies, two of which have been added during the past year. Some Churches contribute to our work, but think that they have not enough missionary women to organize, or that those they have are already preoccupied. They need to learn how the work of our Society helps and completes all other Christian activities. We have failed to get reports of the number of members in some of the Auxiliaries, and are without any mathematics by which we can give the total number. Better business methods would improve our interest. The Chestnut Street Auxiliary, Portland, has nicely furnished one room in the Home at Ocala, Florida; also sent \$50 to the Alaska Home, besides money to the General Fund. The Congress Street Auxiliary, Portland, is educating a girl in the South; and the Saco Auxiliary, with a membership of thirty-two, has forwarded to the treasury \$100 during the year. The cash offerings amount to \$800.64, being \$137.53 more than last year.

A prominent work of our Auxiliaries has been the sending of supplies to needy families. Our agent, Miss Isabel Allen, is an enthusiastic worker in this department, reporting supplies to the amount of \$1,094.50, which is \$459.50 in excess of last year.

While many of our Societies have generously assisted the needy in remote places, they have also become important allies in kindred local work, supplying the wants of destitute wage-earners now out of employment; also contributing to local charities.

Good results have been realized from mite-boxes, and it would be well if a larger number made use of this helpful means of gleaning. Mrs. Bowers, of Monmouth, before going to her heavenly home, bequeathed to

our Society \$370.54; and Mrs. J. A. Hinds \$50. Many more should follow their worthy example, and, as good stewards, safely and wisely invest by lending to the Lord. Mrs. Ruth Allen has rendered valuable service in securing subscribers for our excellent paper. The presiding elders and some of the pastors urge the importance of our home missionary work; and when we secure the co-operation of all, we shall have a larger increase in numbers and interest. The Secretary has represented the work in several places, and has some prospective opportunities; and the increase of offerings above those of last year is encouraging.

Rev. C. W. Gallagher, president of the school at Kent's Hill, gave the anniversary address at the Annual Conference, inspiring all with his instructive and eloquent words. Mrs. Helen Beedy, of Farmington, rendered good service at the Old Orchard Camp-meeting by an interesting address, and information in response to questions. A district meeting was held at Augusta, our capital city, and the interest awakened will advance our work. A provisional program is prepared for another meeting in Portland. Our child is the youngest of the great family, and must win its way; but we expect that, like Benjamin, it will become the beloved of the household.

In ancient times God's people brought their wave-offerings, waving them to and fro; and their heave-offerings, lifting them from earth to sky—thus signifying that all, from shore to shore and from earth to heaven, belonged to the Lord; so, to-day, we bring our first-fruits, in humble acknowledgment of the unbounded mercies of our Heavenly Father.

MRS. SARAH F. PALMER, *Corresponding Secretary.*

MICHIGAN CONFERENCE.

IT is a pleasure, as well as a privilege, to make our tenth annual report of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Michigan Conference. We have rounded out a full decade. In glancing backward, we remember some discouragements; but, with it all, there has been a steady growth of interest, and we have the feeling that our Heavenly Father kindly led us on. And now, as we stand at the threshold of another decade, and consecrate ourselves anew, we have greater hopes and an inspiration to higher aims than ever before. In the year just passed we have taken no backward steps. The Annual Meeting, held last November, was one of the best. It was remarkable for the excellency of its papers and addresses along the different lines of work. Members of the convention showed a greater interest, and manifested more of a willingness to take hold and plan the work for the coming year. Two organizers were appointed. Owing to peculiar circumstances (no fault of the organizers), our aims were not reached. Three new Auxiliaries and one District Association were the results at the close of the year. Action was also taken at the Annual Meeting to have the District Secretaries visit the Auxiliaries on their respective districts at least once during the year. The Conference Anniversary was held in connection with the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society. Rev. J. W. Hamilton, D. D., of Cincinnati, gave the address. The special work for the year was \$100 toward the salary of a missionary and the support of three girls—one at Peck Home, one at Ritter Home, and one at Stickney Home. Also \$42 was sent to the Treasurer for Mothers' Jewels Home; \$205 for the Aldrich Memorial Deaconess Home, and \$2,200 for the building fund of the same. Mrs. Martha Van Horn, a minister's widow, left a bequest of \$250, which was sent to the General Treasurer. The value of supplies sent by Auxiliaries was \$1,365. Total cash receipts of the Society for the year, \$1,691.67; this, with the money raised for building fund for Deaconess Home (\$2,200), gives a cash total of \$3,891.67. Number of Auxiliaries, 46; mission circles,

7; band, 1; aggregate membership, 1,343; subscribers to *Woman's Home Missions*, 324.

While we have made no advancement in numbers of Societies or members, we do see progress in the condition, especially in the evident desire for information. Many more letters have come during the year asking for literature and for programs of monthly meetings than ever before. We greatly rejoice in this improvement; for it is an indication of more intelligent work, and consequently more successful work.

We have had no outside help, either at camp-meetings, district meetings, or thank-offering meetings. Many of the pastors, with great willingness, gave us excellent addresses. This had a twofold effect: First, the securing for us of valuable addresses; secondly, it led those pastors to investigate the object and work of our Society, and to become its ardent supporters. With loyal Conference and district officers, the outlook for the coming year is full of promise. MRS. LEVI MASTER, *Corresponding Secretary.*

MINNESOTA CONFERENCE.

ANOTHER year, in its rapid flight, has borne on its wings all that has been done of good or ill into eternity; and we are sorry to acknowledge that in the last twelve months we have not accomplished all we had hoped to; yet we are conscious that He who called us to this work has been with us as Counselor and Guide.

At the beginning of the year our dear Sister Stafford, who for so long had been our Conference Treasurer, resigned upon taking up her residence in Mankato. We have missed the inspiration of her presence and her counsel. Her place has been ably filled by Mrs. D. M. Longfellow, of Minneapolis.

Meetings of the Conference Board have been held monthly, with a good attendance and great interest. All disbursements have been made according to the best judgment of the Board.

The work of organizing new Auxiliaries moves slowly. We are much in need of an organizer—some one in the Conference who will make it her business.

We have striven to secure a wider circulation for our paper—*Woman's Home Missions*—which comes to us so richly laden with fresh and valuable matter.

Many copies of the Annual Report, another important and helpful factor, have greatly aided in spreading information concerning the work of the Society.

We have not had a great increase numerically, but we have in zeal and activity. We have seventeen Auxiliaries, with a membership of 465.

Financially we are improving. It has been many years since the cry "Hard times" has sounded so loud and clear and often as in the year just closed. Yet our Society has risen above the din, and comes out financially in advance of last year. For supply-work in our own Conference, \$1,208 have been expended. Expenditures for Montana Conference, \$341; this latter we were requested to do by our President, Mrs. Fisk. Receipts by cash, \$580. Total amount raised by our Societies in this Conference this year, \$2,129.

We will double our diligence, try to increase our working force, and endeavor to accomplish more in the coming year than in the one just closed. No sacrifice should be considered great to make for Him who gave his life as a sacrifice that even the lowliest child of earth should not perish, but have everlasting life.

MRS. A. F. THOMPSON, *Corresponding Secretary.*

MISSOURI CONFERENCE.

THERE is an increased interest in home missionary work in this Conference. We can report only one new organization—a Young Ladies' Circle, in Mexico. Though few in number, yet they are full of zeal and are doing good work.

Several Epworth Leagues are to fill boxes for the frontier.

Our work was presented before the Hannibal District Conference, and was the means of creating more interest among our ministers.

The Annual Meeting was held in connection with the Annual Conference, at Memphis, and an eloquent address was made by Mrs. Potter. We hope another year to get our work more thoroughly before our people.

MRS. PRICE A. CROW, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NEBRASKA CONFERENCE.

THE work of the Nebraska Conference during the past year has moved steadily forward.

The five districts are well organized, and each held a well-attended meeting. New Auxiliaries have been organized, and some of the older ones reorganized and strengthened.

At the Annual Meeting last year, we pledged \$200 to the General Fund, and most of it has been raised, although in many places the drouth has been very severe. In the face of great difficulties our people are courageous and hopeful.

At our Conference Annual Meeting, it was decided to continue our special work for the "Mothers' Jewels Home," and supplies for the frontier work.

At our Conference Anniversary, held at Falls City, an excellent address was given by Dr. C. C. Lasby, of Lincoln.

The Conferences of this State are looking to the Woman's Home Missionary Society for help to carry them through this, perhaps, the severest year in Nebraska's history.

The new building of the Mothers' Jewels Home is almost completed, and is an honor to our Society. It is both commodious and beautiful. The laying of the corner-stone was a time of great rejoicing.

Many hundred people were present to hear the splendid address given by Chancellor Crook, of the Nebraska Wesleyan University.

The children of the Home are happy, contented, and religious. And why should they not be, with such devoted, and consecrated workers as Mr. and Mrs. Spurlock, and Miss Middaugh?

For the coming year, with the Divine help, we will endeavor to hold fast the present attainments, and go forward to better work.

MRS. S. E. MILLER, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NEWARK CONFERENCE.

THE Newark Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society has just celebrated the tenth anniversary of its organization, by the largest and most enthusiastic Annual Meeting it has ever held.

The three devotional services were led by Mrs. Wells, Mrs. J. T. Ellis, and Mrs. Fitz-Gerald, our first President, and were seasons of great spiritual blessing.

The Treasurer's summary of the past ten years was exceedingly gratifying, showing that contributions had been made to nearly every department

of the work of our General Society, amounting in the aggregate to over \$18,500.

The Conference Secretary gave a review of the Society from the time the cause of Home Missions was first presented to our Conference by Bishop Wiley and Mrs. Rust, in March '81, to the present, and all felt like exclaiming, "What hath God wrought!" as we recalled the humble beginning of this work among us and the marvelous way the Lord has led us. It was very gratifying to learn through the report of our faithful Secretary of Supplies, Miss Linda Fitzgerald, that during her seven years of service our supplies have amounted to \$15,143.

The Young People's Hour has become one of the most attractive features of our Annual Meeting. Most of our circles and bands have been organized auxiliary to both the Home and Foreign Missionary Societies. Our hearts are filled with praise to God as we mark the mental and spiritual development of these dear girls from year to year. The future of the missionary cause is assured if in all our Conferences our young people can be enlisted in this work. At our closing session, in the evening, Mrs. Willing delivered an able address on city evangelization.

The past year has been marked by steady and substantial progress. Four new Auxiliaries and one circle have been organized; so that we can report an increase during the year of more than eighty members, and more than forty additional subscribers to our *Woman's Home Missions*. With mite-box secretaries on nearly every district, a larger number of mite-boxes have been in use than in any previous year, resulting in an addition to our funds of over \$319. One hundred dollars has been raised for the Special General Fund; \$400 for the support of the first missionary sent out from our Conference, Mrs. L. M. Lewis, of Haven Home.

These amounts for the relief of our General Fund were largely pledged through the zealous efforts of our Treasurer, Miss Ham. And since her death, as a loving tribute to her precious memory, over \$100 has been raised by our Auxiliaries to name a room in the Mothers' Jewels Home for our beloved Rosamond.

The interest in the Home Missionary Reading Circles continues to increase, stimulated by the honor accorded our Conference Society of being the custodians of the Woman's Home Missionary Reading Circle banner during the past year. A new feature introduced by our Conference Board last June was the appointment of Mrs. C. X. Hutchinson to the work of furnishing our Auxiliaries with leaflets bearing on the topics for the monthly meetings, selected from any source she chooses. As she is an enthusiast on this subject, we anticipate marked results. The interest in the local work we are prosecuting in the city of Newark in connection with the City Mission and Church Extension Society of that city, is steadily increasing. Our faithful and efficient missionary, Mrs. Florence D. Watson, has had one or two assistants during the year, and we have also employed Miss Petersen, of our Washington Deaconess Home, during her vacation and she has done us excellent service. West Side Avenue Auxiliary, Jersey City, has just assumed the support of a missionary whom they expect to send to Washington for special training.

Our Conference Anniversary, which was held in connection with the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, was addressed by our President, Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk, and proved an occasion of great interest.

Our Camp-meeting Anniversary at Tabor, and our four district meetings in May, were largely attended, and were characterized by increased enthusiasm.

In the midst of these activities our hearts have been pained by the death of three of our most earnest workers—Mrs. K. W. Magie, the devoted president of the Rahway Auxiliary since its organization; Miss Cora Bisbee, who went with glad heart from New Providence, N. J., in September, 1893, to

serve as a missionary in Boylan Home, and who fell at her post after one year of most successful work for the uplifting of colored girls, to which she felt specially called of God; and our Conference Treasurer for the past three years, the youngest of our Conference Board, our dearly beloved Rosamond B. Ham.

These "died in the faith." "They rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

MRS. J. I. BOSWELL, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE.

NEW ENGLAND Conference has cause for gratitude, inasmuch as the receipts of the fiscal year of nine months, \$3,946.06, have been in excess of those of the preceding twelvemonth, despite the continued financial depression. Money used in the Southern work has been distributed in a larger number of the Homes than last year. The Indian work has been aided through Stickney Home, and in Ukiah, Cal. Alaska has been remembered with a small sum, and the Immigrant Home, within the borders of our own Conference, has had its usual share of interest. The decrease in immigration has somewhat lessened the work in the Home during the summer months, but the fall opens with busy days and the Home filled. One room on the lower floor has been used as a temperance restaurant the past year. The Home has afforded shelter for 535 persons; 300 have been otherwise assisted; over 11,000 meals have been served; situations have been secured for 32; while our faithful missionary, Mrs. Clark, has visited jails, hospitals, and homes, ever with a helpful word and hand, in addition to her work on the pier and the religious services conducted in the Home. The reception-room has been tastefully and substantially furnished by Mrs. Wiley, of Wilbraham, as a memorial to her daughter. These additional furnishings not only add to the comfort of the Home, but aid as an object lesson to the strangers to whom it ministers. To avoid placing a mortgage on the property, a member of the Conference Board loaned \$1,500, that bills for repairs might be met. The furnace has been paid for during the year. The Conference has in circulation "Growth in Grace" cards, so called, whereon is tastefully designed a cross and crown; one hundred pearls surround the cross, and as one after another is pricked in recognition of a blessing received, a penny goes in thank-offering toward the payment of the loan of \$1,500, while the holder grows in grace as she cultivates the habit of devout gratitude.

At the close of the first year of local work among the Portuguese of Boston, it is felt that it was rightly assumed and that we have but just begun along the line of city mission work, what must increase with every year if we are faithful to opportunity. The missionary, Miss Huff, has called upon the people, distributing clothing as needed, cheering the sick with flowers and delicacies, maintained mothers' and children's meetings, a sewing school, and a boys' Band of Hope.

Thank-offering day was quite generally observed, and the money largely devoted to the General Fund. Good work has been accomplished through the Department of Supplies, and the Religious Periodical Bureau.

The quarterly and annual meetings of the Conference have been of unusual interest, and we have gained inspiration from the presence and words of our President and Mrs. May Leonard Wells.

During the year one member of the Conference Board, Miss Hannah Haven, whose mother gave the first money—a five-dollar gold-piece—for the work among the freed women, has entered into her rest. Twice has the death-angel entered the home circle of Mrs. Dwight, taking both mother and brother. Mrs. Mather and Mrs. Dearborn have parted with

their companions, and from another home a daughter has been called. Thus the year has brought its touch of sadness, intermingled with the blessedness of service, while in and through all its experiences we have rejoiced in the presence of the Lord.

MRS. S. W. FLOYD, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NEW ENGLAND SOUTHERN CONFERENCE.

WITH only nine months for planning and working, we have held our own, if we have not increased. Woman's Home Missionary Society Day has been observed at all our camp-meetings, Dr. S. F. Upham, of Drew Theological Seminary, being the speaker at the Martha's Vineyard camp-meeting. Our Annual Conference, at its last session, passed a resolution thoroughly indorsing the Woman's Home Missionary Society, cordially offering its pulpits for the presentation of our work.

Beneficiaries are supported at the Browning and Ritter Homes, and money has been given for other special work; but our aim has been to work for the General Fund. At the regular meeting held by the Providence Union Auxiliary, October 15th, it was voted that they pledge themselves to raise \$500, inclusive of membership fees, the coming year for the General Fund.

Other work is being planned by the Executive Board for the year.

By the will of Mary Ann Wilkes, of South Manchester, Conn., \$500 has been given for the benefit of the "Model Home" at Camden, South Carolina.

MRS. JAS. TREGASKIS, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NEW HAMPSHIRE CONFERENCE.

DURING the year just closing, the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society in this Conference has not been what we hoped at the beginning.

We can report no new Auxiliaries, but feel sure that we can report more enthusiasm among nearly all our workers, and an increasing interest in places where we have no Society, but hope to organize soon. Our district officers, earnest and faithful, are planning for a vigorous fall campaign.

For our Conference Anniversary we had engaged Mrs. May Leonard Wells, and hoped much from her coming to us, as we felt sure she would create an interest among our ministers; but she was obliged to disappoint us. Fortunately, however, we secured Mrs. Dr. Dorchester, who gave us a very interesting and instructive address on "Work among the American Indians."

We have held services at all our camp-meetings, with good results.

Supplies valued at \$958 have been sent to needy fields.

Our recent Annual Meeting was well attended; a deeper interest and more enthusiasm in the work was apparent. Our reorganization gave us some new officers, earnest and willing; and so we go forth to the work of another year with a determination to do more and better work for the Master.

MRS. G. M. CURL, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NEW JERSEY CONFERENCE.

THE New Jersey Conference is not unmindful of the honorable position it holds among its sister Conferences in the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. The fact of its President being also the President of the General organization gives it a pre-eminence. Nor would we

do credit either to our President or the noble women of our Conference if we simply had a name to live, like the Church in Sardis. We are slowly but surely growing, and the day is not far distant when we hope to welcome the General organization within our borders.

We give you good cheer in that we can report an increase this year of eight organizations, and more to follow.

Mrs. May Leonard Wells visited our Conference from September 21st to 30th, inclusive, and again on October 21st, giving us organizations in Tabernacle, Bethany, and Fifth Street Churches of Camden; in Gloucester City, Clayton, Millville, and Central Church, Trenton—aggregating a new membership of two hundred and thirty-one. A new organization was formed by our Secretary of Supplies, bearing the same good name of Wells, in St. Paul's Church, Trenton, which numbers thirty-four members, making our total increase two hundred and sixty-five.

Two other Churches—Broad Street, Trenton, and Pitman Church, New Brunswick—were visited by Mrs. M. L. Wells, and will organize at an early date. Mrs. Wells comes to us again from November 11th to 18th, inclusive, and we expect a like result to her previous coming.

Mrs. Wells has endeared herself to the hearts of our women wherever she has been, and the general testimony is that she has large adaptability, persistence, and capability for the work of organizing.

Anniversaries.

The Ocean Grove Anniversary, which has usually been reported by our Conference, has been so well reported in the September *Woman's Home Missions* that it will not be profitable to report it here. Only a correction of one mistake in it—New Jersey Conference is not mentioned among the others, yet we were there, our good Secretary of Supplies, Mrs. G. M. P. Wells, making a speech of which we were not ashamed.

Our Conference Anniversary was held in Centenary Church, Camden, and was presided over by Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk. Mrs. Fisk, and Dr. J. E. Smith, of New Jersey Conference, were the speakers of the occasion, and did us excellent service.

Our Annual Meeting was held in the city of Trenton, and created much interest. Valuable papers on different lines of our work were read. A reception to Mrs. Fisk was tendered by the ladies of Green and State Street Churches, and was an enjoyable occasion. Miss Miner, deaconess from Washington, gave the history of one day of her work in Washington, which greatly interested many.

We have held two district meetings—one on New Brunswick District, which resulted in perfecting our district association, and one on Bridgeton District, of unusual profit.

Two of the members of the Conference Board have seen their life companions leave their side for the other shore: Mrs. Crowel Marsh, of Belmar, and Mrs. Amos Sickels, of Trenton.

We have determined this year to follow the advice of our ever-lamented General Fisk, and give our main strength to the work of organization. While we are ready to do a little for each Bureau, we will reserve our strongest forces for our own development, knowing that thus we will be serving you the better.

Whatever we have been enabled to do, we offer with grateful hearts to the great Head of the Church, and pray the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth more laborers into his vineyard.

MRS. C. F. GARRISON, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NEW MEXICO ENGLISH CONFERENCE.

THE mission work in this Conference has been conducted at two points, Albuquerque and Las Vegas. The Auxiliary at Las Vegas has averaged eighteen members, and raised \$27 during the year, which was expended in the work of the mission. Five dollars was raised at Las Vegas for a Christmas Fête at the mission school. The receipts or vouchers for the money which has been expended to meet incidental expenses of the mission school have been forwarded to the General Treasurer. Sixteen copies of *Home Missions* are taken at Las Vegas. The co-operation of the Auxiliary in the town has been very helpful to the school. Our missionary teacher here, Miss Snider, reports the work regularly. The school has averaged twenty-three pupils during the year, and good progress has been made.

At Albuquerque, much interest is felt on the part of citizens in the erection of the new building for the school, which has been in contemplation for several years. Moneys raised for this object among citizens have been placed in bank, and will contribute to the object as soon as the building can be commenced. The plans for this are under consideration, and the work will begin at an early date. In the meantime a rented building is occupied by the school.

Mrs. Webster, who has had six years' experience in mission work in South America, has been appointed to take charge of the school. A flourishing Auxiliary in Albuquerque will co-operate for the success of the work. Encouraged by the prospect of the successful establishment of an influential school, a more thorough organization of the Conference will be secured during the coming year. A strong Auxiliary has been formed at Albuquerque.

S. O. WEBSTER.

NEW YORK CONFERENCE.

THE year has been full of work, but there has been much compensation, and we bring our report with gratitude for God's blessing.

Our Annual Meeting had an unusual attendance, and the reports presented there did us all good. The Conference Anniversary had the inspiration of the presence of our President, Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk, who made the address. We are happy to report that the district meetings have grown in interest. We have one district still unorganized. The ministers, through our Conference, have manifested greater interest in our work. Our presiding elder recently said that he believed each presiding elder should consider himself a self-appointed agent to work and speak for the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

A few Auxiliaries have been organized and weak ones strengthened. The magnificent gift of General de Peyster, of Tivoli, N. Y., of the Watts de Peyster Industrial Home and School for Girls, has laid upon our Conference a very great responsibility. We want it understood that, while there are in this Home twenty Italian girls, we are ready to take any girl of any nationality in our Home, where, for \$60 a year, she can be supported. We bespeak the interest of neighboring Conference Societies.

Our Immigrant Home, so unfitted for our work, is filled. This Home is entirely unsuitable for the work pressing upon us. One thousand meals were given in September. The rooms are crowded. Our prayer is that we may in some way find other and improved quarters. Our local work has made progress.

We are not satisfied with the results, for we need more Auxiliaries and deeper consecration, that the missionary spirit may more than ever pervade our entire Conference.

MRS. MARY FISK PARK, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NEW YORK EAST CONFERENCE.

INTEREST in home missions has not decreased during the past year. Although we have not accomplished all that we hoped, yet we have cause for grateful thanksgiving that there is a growing interest in the work, and that the outlook for the future is most promising. Two organizations have been effected during the year, one at Hartford, Conn., and the other at Bridgeport, Conn. Seven of the nine Auxiliaries organized a year ago have maintained life and vigor, even under the depressing influence of the financial struggle that has marked their first year in mission work. One Auxiliary writes: "All obligations cheerfully met, but it means a personal sacrifice on the part of each member of the Auxiliary."

We have made great effort to perfect our district organizations. The Brooklyn North and the Brooklyn South Districts are well equipped for the work, with efficient officers and a sturdy band of Auxiliaries, ready to respond to systematic work. The New York District, under the supervision of a faithful president, has done excellent work. The Conference Society has held ten monthly meetings. Several of these have been all-day meetings. Excellent papers on various phases of the work have been read, addresses given, and a social hour at luncheon time enjoyed.

The receipts of the General Fund have been increased by collections taken in churches where there are no Auxiliaries. A recent letter from a pastor says: "Kindly send five hundred tracts descriptive of the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, that will place the merits of the great cause upon the hearts of the people. I want these for immediate distribution in the taking of a collection."

The letters of gratitude and appreciation that come to us for the valuable supplies sent to ministers' families on the frontier, and also to our Deaconess Home, give evidence that this department of work is an incalculable blessing. Some Auxiliaries have greatly aided the pastor in caring for the needy of the Church. In some city church locations the destitution has been appalling, and has called for the best effort of every human hand for its alleviation. In one instance, the Home Missionary Society raised nearly \$500 for this purpose.

There is an increasing interest in mite-boxes and beehives as a medium for raising funds, and the Reading Circle is receiving more attention.

At the Conference Anniversary in the spring, Rev. A. B. Leonard, D. D., was our speaker. The crowded audience, which assembled in one of our largest churches in Brooklyn, showed appreciation of the eloquent and inspiring address by frequent applause. The program was varied by fine singing, reports, and an address by the superintendent, Miss H. A. Downing, of the Deaconess Home. Our President, Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk, was prevented from being with us on account of a previous engagement with another Conference, but she spoke before the conference of ministers in the morning, awakening interest in home missions, and in securing many friends among the clergy.

The Deaconess Home, as usual, has received the largest share of attention, and is in a prosperous condition, growing in number of deaconesses and in favor among the people.

MRS. J. Q. MAYNARD, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NORTH INDIANA CONFERENCE.

WHILE we have not attained our "ideal" yet, we are glad to report an increase of over fifty per cent in the aggregate during the year, and we gratefully acknowledge our Heavenly Father's presence in directing our efforts in securing this advance. This has been the best year in our history.

Our Conference Anniversary was held in April, and we were fortunate in securing as a speaker for the occasion, Rev. George K. Morris, D. D., who gave us an address full of thought and instruction; it was highly appreciated by the large audience. Our Annual Meeting at Marion was largely attended, and from the beginning to the close was full of helpfulness and blessing, enlarging our views of the magnitude of the work, and intensifying our interest.

Mrs. B. S. Potter was with us throughout the Convention, rendering valuable assistance. Her address on the first evening was full of inspiration and instruction. Miss Anna Ruddy was also with us, and the people were greatly interested in her work in New York City. She visited a number of the Auxiliaries throughout our Conference, and was heard with great pleasure as well as profit.

Mrs. Potter organized eleven new Societies, and most of them are doing excellent work. We feel that the visit of these sisters has made possible larger results for the future. They have done much for the Auxiliaries of our Conference, and the reports show them to be in excellent working order. Our districts are all organized and three of them have held successful meetings during the year.

Our special work for this year will be the support of a missionary. Considerable local work has received the attention of our societies, and supplies have been sent South and West. We are looking hopefully to the future, and, with the Lord's help, expect to try to do our part in meeting the increasing calls.

MRS. L. H. BUNYAN, *Acting Corresponding Secretary.*

NORTH NEBRASKA CONFERENCE.

WE believe we bring "good tidings" when we say North Nebraska Conference has at least held her own during the trying times of the past year. While some have wearied in well-doing and fallen away, others have stepped in and filled the broken ranks.

Our numerical force is as follows: Twenty-one live, working Auxiliaries, with a membership of about 560. Of this number, 177 have been added during the year. Seward Street Mission Circle numbers eighteen. Nor would we forget the thirty-one Mothers' Jewels, although we wish there were many more.

There are 128 subscribers for *Home Missions*, the reports showing that fifty-five of these are new subscriptions. Knowledge is power; and we are glad to note an awakening interest in acquainting ourselves with the practical work of the Society.

"By knowledge we do learn ourselves to know,
And what to man, and what to God, we owe."

The past year has been one of severe testing to some of our Auxiliaries, and they have not sent words of good cheer. We will hope that, in

the near future, they may be so blessed in things temporal and spiritual that they will again fall into lines of usefulness.

We are proud of six new Auxiliaries organized by our earnest worker, Mrs. Roberts, at Silver Creek, South Omaha, Norfolk, Lyons, Dakota City, and Wakefield, with 11, 37, 33, 24, 13, and 16 members, respectively.

As nearly as *figures* can give, the record of the Society for the year has been given. But of the *real work* accomplished, the sacrifices made, and the achievements won, the story may not be told. It is best recorded in the hearts of many faithful toilers throughout our Conference, and best known to Him whose all-seeing eye marks e'en the sparrow's fall.

The needs of our own State have been *so urgent* that the work, aside from dues paid into the General Fund, has been confined within our own borders. Our city Auxiliaries have rendered substantial aid in cash, coal, and provisions to the weaker charges in the suburbs of the city; also, to the many destitute within the shadows of our own homes.

Owing to financial depression and failure of crops, the needs of the frontier have been many. All our Auxiliaries have done valiant work in sending substantial testimonials of Christian love to gladden the homes of God's faithful toilers.

For the "Jewels' Home" at York we have not done as much as we hoped to. We claim four beneficiaries in the Home, supported, in whole or in part, by four Auxiliaries. Other generous hearts have contributed clothing, food, and bedding to the General Home Fund.

Our hearts have been saddened as recent letters tell us of total failure of crops, removal of members, and a scarcity of even the pennies.

We hardly dare ask, What of the future?

"God's plans, like lilies pure and white, unfold;
We must not tear the close-shut leaves apart—
Time will reveal the calyxes of gold."

At least, we may trust God and wait, resolving that "what *will* come and *must* come, shall come *well*." Let us pray that he will make our cause his care, and prosper all who love it.

MRS. JAMES HODGE, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NORTH OHIO CONFERENCE.

A DEEPENING interest in the cause of Home Missions has been very manifest in the North Ohio Conference. We are happy to report our Auxiliaries in splendid working order, the income considerably increased, and many charges without Auxiliaries showing much interest in the Supply Department. At our Annual Meeting, held in Sandusky last May, General Gibson and Mrs. E. L. Albright made the cause of Home Missions many friends by their earnest way of presenting its needs. The business sessions were of marked interest.

Our Conference has been well organized for many years; but we have been without district organizations until the last Annual Meeting, when we effected these organizations, and we are now looking forward to an increase along all lines as the result.

Through the Supply Department, many of our needy preachers on the frontier and our Homes in the South and West have been aided, and we deem this department one of the strong opening wedges for the formation of new Auxiliaries.

Many mite-boxes have been distributed, the contents of which have been applied toward the debt, or toward missionaries' salaries. Our spe-

cial work has been Ritter Home, Lucy Webb Hayes Training-school, Cleveland Deaconess Home, and "Mothers' Jewels" Home.

The missionary selected by the Conference, toward whose salary we pay, was Miss Sophia Johnston, of Holly Springs, Miss., who went from our own Conference.

We begin another year, hoping and praying that it may be the most successful in our history.

MRS. NEWELL S. ALBRIGHT, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NORTHERN NEW YORK CONFERENCE.

THE present officers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Northern New York Conference were elected last April, and have entered upon their work with enthusiastic desire to advance the usefulness of their Conference organization. A "Greeting" was prepared early in the year, signed by all the Conference officers, and sent to each Auxiliary, to be read at their monthly meeting. Through this "Greeting" we endeavored to stimulate our Auxiliaries to greater activity and thoroughness in all departments of our work.

We have 37 Auxiliaries, 12 circles, 8 bands and jewels, with a total membership in this Conference of 1,539. One Auxiliary has been organized during the year.

We have sent ninety-six yards of carpeting, and also supplies, to the Ritter Home; several barrels of supplies and clothing to the frontier; \$10 to the Mothers' Jewels Home; besides paying over \$80 on the debt of the General Society, and expending both money and labor upon local work.

District meetings have been held on five of the six districts of the Conference, which were profitable and instructive to our people. Enthusiastic meetings were also held at some of the camp-meetings.

A meeting was held in July at the Thousand Island Park, addressed by our President, Mrs. Fisk. This meeting proved of great usefulness, and the people were instructed as to the aims and purposes of the Society. Fifty dollars were contributed in honor of Mrs. Jane Bancroft Robinson toward furnishing a bed in the Sibley Hospital, at Washington, D. C. Mrs. L. Stickney was made president of the Thousand Island Park Auxiliary, and the support of an Indian girl in the Stickney Home among the Nooksack Indians was assumed.

It is the purpose of the Conference officers to advance the usefulness of the Society in this Conference through the district organizations. These efforts have been advanced by the co-operation of the district officers, who are enthusiastically entering upon their duties. The general interest among our members and the Church at large is most surely increasing as the wants of the country and the manifold avenues of Christian activity are appreciated by our people. Deep interest is manifested especially in the deaconess movement and work; in the efforts of our Society to evangelize the immigrants; in the work on the frontier; in the Industrial Homes; and in local work.

There is a disposition on the part of all to cheerfully respond to the requests of the Conference officers, and combined and systematic effort is being made to advance the cause of our beloved Society. All are beginning to realize the great importance of our mission. Our country seems to be in danger of being brought under European influences on the one hand, and Asiatic influences are already at our doors on the other. At no time in the history of our country have such demands been made upon the Church; our Society is meeting these demands, and the people are

responding in proportion as they understand the needs of the hour, and the object and work of our Society. We believe that the signs warrant us in saying that our Conference organization will increase in usefulness and power in the immediate future.

MRS. I. L. HUNT, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NORTHWEST IOWA CONFERENCE.

OUR Conference suffered great loss in the removal of our able and devoted President last spring, but no outside help has been given us this year. Several of our Auxiliaries closed their year's work in July, with apportionments met in full; the remainder plan to do so this year. Ten Auxiliaries, six Circles, and two Bands have been organized, and two reorganized.

Our districts are well organized, and each one has had one or two meetings, some of which have been well attended and quite enthusiastic. Help is derived from the full report printed annually by our Conference Society, as well as from the quarterly circular letters.

Our special work has been the payment of the salaries of Miss Page and Miss Barnes of the Italian work in New Orleans; one beneficiary each in Morristown, Stickney, Ritter, Peck, and Jesse Lee Homes; \$15 to immigrant work; about \$70 to Mothers' Jewels Home, and an equal amount to the Lucy Webb Hayes Training-school. Our mite-box collections amounted to \$426.22.

Mary E. Shumaker, of Charter Oak, was constituted Honorary Manager, and a room in Sibley Hospital named "M. J. and Magdeline Shumaker," in memory of the parents of the kind donor. Each pledge made for the Conference has been redeemeed, and special work done which had not been promised. Twelve frontier ministers, four Homes, and the Italian work in New Orleans were aided by the seven hundred and fifty-six dollars worth of supplies sent by our Conference.

The Day of Humiliation and Prayer was more generally observed than ever before, and the reports indicate that in many cases it was a particularly blessed season. More of our members have been reading the Home Missionary reading course than heretofore, and we have five hundred and ninety-five subscribers to *Woman's Home Missions*, as against four hundred and eighty-one last year.

We are satisfied that the most telling benefit of the work has been the enlisting and developing of workers. Our young people are particularly sought after. Spiritual, intellectual and social benefits come to each worker in exact proportion to their faithfulness in helping others heavenward. May our numbers and faithfulness increase!

MRS. J. P. NEGUS, *Corresponding Secretary.*

NORTHWEST KANSAS CONFERENCE.

A GREAT deal of Christian sacrifice has been made in sustaining the Auxiliaries and in helping the needy in our own borders. The Anniversary Meeting was held at Goodland in March. The Conference President, Mrs. N. M. Read, was present. It was considered by many to have been the best anniversary ever held in the Conference. Many hearts were cheered by the inspiring words of Chaplain McCabe, who gave the principal address, and closed by singing one of his thrilling solos. The Pres-

ident made emphatic the thought that each Auxiliary add a special contribution to their mite-boxes, as a thank-offering for the gift of our efficient President, Mrs. Clinton B. Bisk.

The Auxiliaries have responded to calls made, in cash and supplies, to the amount of \$134. This means much self-denial on the part of the donors, considering that we are in the drought-stricken district. An elder writes me "that one of his ministers was without sufficient food for his family for a month." Many letters of grateful acknowledgment have been received, and the Conference Board feel that their work has not been in vain.

At a recent Ministerial Meeting, in which our work was represented, several pledges were taken for barrels and boxes of supplies for needy pastors in the Western district, and a liberal collection received. We regret that we are not able to be personally represented, but in sympathy and interest we are in actual touch with this annual gathering, and,

"Though sundered far, by faith we meet,
Around one common mercy seat."

MRS. BELLE ARMSTRONG, *Corresponding Secretary.*

OHIO CONFERENCE.

THE missionary year of the Ohio Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society, beginning September 15, 1893, and ending June 15, 1894, was one of perplexity and difficulty. The Annual Meeting, held at Ironton, October 5 and 6, 1893, elected an entirely new set of officers, several of whom were not present nor previously consulted. The Corresponding Secretary was unfortunately one of these, and was obliged to decline. It was not until the first quarter was nearly past that matters were adjusted, and the President assumed the duties of Corresponding Secretary. Thus we may only count seven months to our working year. The inexperience of the new officers, the strikes, and financial depression, were very seriously felt in the bounds of our Conference. The large amounts of money and provisions raised and distributed to the destitute families of the unemployed, and the anxiety and uncertainty about financial conditions, were very keenly felt. Still we lost no Auxiliaries, and gained some in membership, and, on the whole, there seems to be more life and vigor in the work than, at the beginning of the year, we could have expected. There are eight presiding elders' districts in this Conference, and all are thoroughly organized save one. Five district meetings were held, and a good spirit of enthusiasm prevailed, and better and more systematic work was promised for the coming year.

The Annual Conference meeting, held at Circleville, was well attended and full of interest. A number of very excellent papers were read. Mrs. L. B. Kauffman, of Columbus, was elected Corresponding Secretary, and there is every reason to anticipate a great advance in all departments of our work.

Our special work was for Ritter and King Homes. A number of Auxiliaries sent supplies to the West and South. The Auxiliary of Bigelow Church, Portsmouth, supports a free kindergarten, and the holding of mothers' meetings, and an industrial school for girls, in the destitute portion of the city. The teacher is a graduate of Glenn Home Training-school, Cincinnati, and is a very successful missionary worker. Through her evangelistic labors many souls are reclaimed and converted. This Auxiliary has a membership of seventy-five; and, while they send \$75 dues, their special work is local. They are assisted in the support of this

noble charity by the leading business men and best citizens of all denominations, because they realize the good to their city of such an institution.

The financial results of the year are very good, considering everything, and that the year was a short one. There was much literature and a generous number of Annual Reports distributed, which can be counted on to yield fruit this year. We have earnestly labored to bring our Auxiliary officers to realize the trust and responsibility of their several positions, and of the duty of all members to be faithful and constant in their support and devotion to the work. How easily the work would move along, if each officer and member would do their part as unto the Lord!

MRS. MARY C. MANLY, *Acting Corresponding Secretary.*

OREGON CONFERENCE.

We are taking no backward steps, although organization has not been pushed as vigorously as we hoped. The Annual Meeting and anniversary was held during the Annual Conference at Eugene, September 24th, at the First Methodist Episcopal Church. There was a larger attendance and greater interest manifested than at any former meeting. The Society assumed the support of three deaconesses in the Jane-Abraham Deaconess Home, Portland; also, one beneficiary at Stickney Home, Washington, to be named "Oregonia." It was voted to use the money of Children's Bands and Mothers' Jewels to aid the Jewels Home at Winlock, Washington.

As local work, we made an appropriation of \$100 to aid Siletz Indian Mission, and \$200 for suffering charges in Southern Oregon, for the coming year.

Decision was in favor of Conference Unions, suggesting that Washington, Idaho, Montana, and Oregon form the Union to which we shall belong.

We were greatly instructed on all lines of work by Mrs. Whitfield. She also gave the annual address, which was very comprehensive, eliciting much interest in the work being done by the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

We suffer very much from not coming in touch with those more familiar with the work. The Rocky Mountains are a great barrier, making it an expensive matter to send delegates to the Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers.

We are looking forward with great anticipations to a visit from Mrs. Fisk or Mrs. Rust on the Pacific Coast, to instruct, encourage, and strengthen us by their wise counsels.

MRS. MARY E. BUSHONG, *Corresponding Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA CONFERENCE.

BEFORE giving a report of our year's work, I would pause, and, in the name of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Philadelphia Conference, drop a flower on the grave of our beloved President, Mrs. R. W. P. Goff, whom we all loved and appreciated. As a friend she was true. No name in the cabinet of fondly-cherished individualities is more sacred than that of this now sainted friend. The years we have known her only intensify our admiration for her beautiful character, until now that she

has passed to her reward, she lives in our hearts as an ideal saintly woman, who, being dead, yet speaks and inspires us with ambition to emulate her lovely character and life. To have been the medium of securing the work of such a representative in this blessed mission, is an honor and benediction of which the Woman's Home Missionary Society may justly be devoutly proud. Our estimate may be inferred from the unique and beautiful memorial service held in Arch Street Methodist Episcopal Church, of which she was an honored member.

Encouraging success has crowned another year's effort of our Society. Taking into consideration the stringency of the times, we feel that a great deal has been accomplished when we say: "We are holding our own." While our special work is the deaconess and immigrants work, we do not confine our efforts there, but lend a helping hand in other departments of the work; as we find at the end of the fiscal year, which closed July 15th, that we have sent \$1,450.20 to the General Fund.

Our financial exhibit for the year is \$3,586.79. Our Supply Department, under the supervision of Mrs. H. S. Kenney, has sent supplies valued at \$3,792.82; making the total of money and supplies raised \$7,379.61. We have held district meetings during the year. Our work was represented at three camp-meetings—Chester Heights, Simpson Grove, and Landisville—in a most acceptable manner by Mrs. May Leonard Wells. She captured each audience by her exceptionally instructive and edifying presentation of her theme. We feel justly proud of our Deaconess Home, which is in a prosperous condition. The family consists of a matron, two licensed deaconesses, and five candidates for license. The committees are in good shape and doing efficient work.

The Committee for the Supervision of Work is feeling its way to successful results. The past year they have been perplexed at times, but have put their cause prayerfully into the hands of an All-wise One, and the way has opened all right.

The lunch-room, a special feature, originated and continued by one of our elect ladies, Mrs. Wisham, is doing a grand work, giving to working-girls employed at public places the very best lunch for a nominal sum, and furnishing a resting-place where they can repair to the library, or stop awhile in the reception-room, where one of the deaconesses conducts a prayer and praise service. We were fortunate in having a piano donated to us by an interested friend.

Our Immigrant Home is under the care of an efficient committee, and always open for any females landing in this country who are without friends to meet them.

The Committee on Indian Work is doing faithful work, that can be, in time, made more satisfactory, because a legacy of \$500 has been left to this department by a member of Arch Street Church.

Our united prayers are that the future work of the Philadelphia Conference in the interest of the Woman's Home Missionary Society may yet be more eminently successful in helping to advance the kingdom of Him who has put the crown of true womanhood upon our sex, and opened the inviting field for serving our generation by the will of God, in helping to rescue our sisters from ignorance and degradation and elevating them to the dignity and blessedness of Christian womanhood.

MRS. M. B. STEVENS, *Corresponding Secretary.*

PITTSBURG CONFERENCE.

DURING the past year the Pittsburg Conference has made more rapid strides than in any former one. Ten new organizations have been formed, eight "Woman's Auxiliaries," and two "Young Ladies' Mission Circles." The amount of supplies sent has been nearly, if not quite, doubled, owing to the appointment of a Conference Secretary of Supplies.

The sum raised for the General Fund is as great as ever before, though the fiscal year was only nine months in length. The \$100 (additional) pledged by the Conference Secretary, last year, at Toledo, was promptly paid by the Auxiliaries.

The support given to "beneficiaries" was never greater. Our "coke-work" was carried on even more successfully than usual, notwithstanding the unsettled condition of this region of country owing to the long-continued strikes and the consequent disturbances. In our deaconess work we have had remarkable success. Our number of workers in the "Home" has increased from five to eight; and the Home Missionary Society has purchased for ten thousand five hundred (\$10,500) dollars a substantial, and even elegant, house for a Deaconess Home, and paid more than half the purchase-money down.

The outlook for our future success grows constantly clearer and brighter. Preaching and practicing the blessed motto of our Society, we have the realization of his words, who said, "Lo, I am with you always."

MRS. M. J. SCHOYER, *Corresponding Secretary.*

ROCK RIVER CONFERENCE.

IT is well known to all that the territory of the Rock River Conference covers missionary ground as morally and religiously needy as any in the world. Men who have traversed the globe, prophets and philanthropists, give testimony to this fact. The population contains probably a larger proportionate foreign element than that of any other. Our own Church indorses it as missionary ground by an appropriation from the Missionary Committee of a greater sum for strictly foreign work in the home-field than for any other Conference.

This needy field, early in the history of our Society, was thrust upon our attention. To sustain so large a work has drawn heavily upon our efforts. We may now be but a step beyond the initiatory; but we tread a little firmer ground. It is well to mark the signs of the times and the propitious events that throw a favorable light upon our work at the present date. When the mission began, some years ago, it was a comparatively new and untried form of our Society's work. I think it was our first attempt as a Society to establish a Home in the densely populated foreign quarters of a great city. Providence opened the way, and we have followed, step by step, from very small beginnings, through various agencies and helps, up to the present time. Now, all around us, and notably in the section where we are located, charitable and missionary work has sprung up, thus giving the highest attestation to our industrial and social methods, as well as the more religious work for which we claim the benevolent only exists. We lay our foundations in that "godliness that is profitable unto all things," the germ of all present and prospective good.

With regard to the property that we hold at the mission, the indebtedness upon it has been fully met. Our present plan is to put up a more commodious building in the spring. Every department of the work, kindergarten, kitchengarden, industrial, and Sunday-school, is fully up to the present capacity of the building; and we are obliged to turn away many

for lack of room, while other departments are entirely out of the question, under existing conditions.

While carrying this work in our own territory, we have also contributed to other departments, especially the Southern schools, where the money of our friends and patronesses, Mrs. E. H. Gammon and Mrs. A. M. Smith, has been so liberally applied. We hold, through these elect ladies, a personal relation to these schools, that augments their claims upon our efforts.

In this department of work our Society has sustained a great loss in the recent death of one of our patrons, Mrs. Lucinda J. Button, who for several years maintained a beneficiary at Thayer Home, where her name is well known and highly revered. In the early autumn, after a lingering sickness, she passed peacefully away. She left, among other bequests, the sum of \$2,000 to the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

Alaska has been a favorite field with us, and we gladly renew our active interest in that distant field, Unalaska, the gateway to the immense fields, of which the Woman's Home Missionary Society holds the key.

In special effort to awaken interest among our people, we have had the help of Mrs. Potter, Mrs. Springer, and Mrs. Allison. The latter spent a part of her summer vacation mainly on Rockford District, representing her work. Rockford and Dixon Districts have held successful district meetings. This we consider the most important step forward in our Conference work. The result of these efforts has been to spread information, and several new Auxiliaries have been formed.

Professor Swing, whom, with all the world, we now lament, speaking of the great physical advancement of the present age, and comparing the less rapid intellectual and moral progress of humanity, likens the latter to an "ox-team;" and yet, he says, the "slow oxen" will, in twenty years, encompass the globe. All moral and intellectual progress is individual; and men and women, as in the Savior's time, are slow of heart to believe: and God can not now, as then, do many mighty works because of their imperfections. He needs our co-operation to accomplish what he designs to do for our neighbors and the world.

MRS. E. E. MARCEY, *Corresponding Secretary.*

SOUTHEAST INDIANA CONFERENCE.

AS WE again enter upon the work of a new year we have the successes of the past year to stimulate us to increased vigilance and activity. Owing to the financial depression affecting every branch of business, admonishing us that expenses must be curtailed, as the income would necessarily be shortened, we began the work of the past year with some misgivings as to the financial result in our Conference; but before the year closed our misgivings and doubts were all removed, all of the Auxiliaries coming up grandly with their reports, the old Societies raising about the usual amount for special work, the increase in membership adding to the general fund, and several additions to our list for home missions. We have, for the first time in the history of our Society, a printed manual numbering twenty-six pages, which is a delight to our members.

The district meetings and the meeting of the Conference Society were meetings of unusual interest and inspiration, and as we sat together we felt we were indeed in the presence of the Lord, and that he came to bless us. This was especially the case during the devotional exercises conducted by our beloved Mrs. L. O. Robinson.

In our financial report we exceed that of last year more than one hundred dollars, and yet we do not feel great in numbers or money, but we have in our hearts a deep feeling of gratitude to our Heavenly Father for

his blessing, which has made it possible for us to do even the little that we have done.

By the leadings of the Holy Spirit, and by a combination of circumstances regarded by the authority of the Church to be for the general good, we are compelled to say good-bye to the name "Southeast Indiana," a name we have loved so long; yet we take pleasure in adopting the new. Henceforth we will be known as the "Indiana," this name coming as a result of the union of the two Conferences.

"T is hard to part, when friends are dear;
Perhaps 't will cost a sigh, a tear."

Farewell to the dear old name, *Southeast Indiana*.

MRS. A. V. PHILLIPS ADAMS, *Corresponding Secretary*.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE.

THE Woman's Home Missionary Society in the Southern California Conference has increased steadily both in numbers and influence during the past year. The year began with twenty organizations and three hundred members, and closed with fifty-one organizations and thirteen hundred and eighty-five members. During the year \$2,553.02 has been raised, \$2,273.30 of which was disbursed among the missionary charges of this Conference, and \$365.77 sent to the General Treasurer. This latter sum includes the half dues and the Mothers' Jewels fund. Supplies to the amount of \$675 have also been distributed in like manner in this Conference. This increase is largely due to the leadership of our beloved President, Mrs. D. M. Welch, who has been untiring with her pen and voice during the entire year. She has addressed public congregations and parlor meetings, organized Auxiliaries, and given the Society, by her influence, a most wonderful impetus, which has resulted in victory all along the line.

Four district meetings have been held. Two upon the Los Angeles District, under the wise direction of the District President, Mrs. G. W. White. One upon the Santa Barbara District was arranged and carried out with success by Mrs. P. H. Bodkin, the District Secretary. Mrs. O. S. Frambes, the District Secretary of Fresno District, held a meeting at Tulare, in connection with the district camp-meeting. These, together with the other district officers, have labored faithfully in carrying on the work within their respective districts.

It was our good fortune to secure Bishop FitzGerald, who has his home in the South, and Dr. Masters, connected with the Chinese Mission in San Francisco, as speakers at our Conference anniversary, held in First Church, on Thursday evening of the Conference week. They both gave magnificent addresses, and heartily indorsed our work. Mrs. D. M. Welch also gave a grand and stirring address upon the general and frontier work, and answered a good many objections that we meet concerning the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

The Annual Meeting was held in First Church, Los Angeles, and was the best ever held in this Conference. There were more than fifty delegates from different parts of the Conference, showing a widely increasing interest.

The following recommendations of the President were adopted at that meeting:

First. That we send, instead of one-half of our dues, the entire amount to the General Treasury.

Second. That we choose frontier-work in the Southern California Conference for our particular work, and agree to raise fifteen hundred dollars with which to carry it on.

Third. That we agree to raise three hundred dollars for use among the women and children of the Chinese and Japanese.

Fourth. That we recommend this work to our Queen Esther Circles, and ask their help in raising this money.

This brings the Southern California Conference into harmony with the General Society, and will be to our mutual advantage; and, we trust, will further the kingdom of our Lord and Master whom we serve.

We have lost from among our officers this year our dear "Mother Gibson," who has always been a loyal and devoted friend, and one of the pioneers in organizing in this Conference. She was the first Treasurer; and when sickness prevented her filling that office, she still remained on the Board as Vice-President, until God called her to come up higher.

Mrs. W. B. Abernethy, Treasurer, and Mrs. A. E. Pomeroy, Recording Secretary, both faithful and efficient officers, continue to occupy these important offices. Mrs. J. W. Gillette has made the Supply Department a success, and has carried comfort and cheer into many a parsonage by her timely provision. The Department of Literary Supplies is prospering in the hands of Mrs. H. J. Crist, who has now an assistant to aid her in this all-important work,—Mrs. E. R. Smith. The Mite-box Department will do a thriving business with the new Committee, Mrs. C. E. Brown and Mrs. Chas. Leach, both grand workers.

Mrs. C. C. McLean comes to the Secretaryship of the Juvenile Work with a life experience of work with children, and under her direction we expect this branch of the work will prosper the coming year.

Mrs. A. L. Ross, our former Corresponding Secretary, has charge of the Queen Esther work. She has done good work the past year, and is planning to enlarge the work in the year to come.

While we are encouraged over the advance of the past year, yet when we see the need all over this beloved land, and look into the future with its opportunities and possibilities for the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, we feel how utterly impossible it is for us to meet the demands; and it is only when we remember that "His presence will go with us," that we dare to go ahead; so, trusting in His strength alone, will we go on to win the victories that will surely be ours in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-five.

MRS. E. W. CASWELL, *Corresponding Secretary.*

SOUTHWEST KANSAS CONFERENCE.

THE work in this Conference for the past year has not progressed as we had hoped, owing to the financial pressure and other causes.

Two new Auxiliaries were organized during the year, both doing good work. Our Conference Annual Meeting, held at Sedgwick in June, was one of profit and success, although the attendance was not large.

Supply and local work have taken up the attention of most of our Auxiliaries, as the demands along these lines have been heavy.

The deaconess work is yet in its infancy; but we trust that in the near future plans will mature for the establishment of a Deaconess Home within the bounds of our Conference.

When we pause and consider, we see all about us the need of home missionary work. Day after day the urgent appeals come to us for help; and as we look upon our little bands of workers, our hearts are almost discouraged, and we can only pray our Heavenly Father to send forth laborers.

The one great difficulty that seems to confront us is to get the work before the minds of the people, that they may become interested and

aroused to a sense of duty; for, as the work becomes known, it receives better support. The great demand is for increased effort; and we are praying that workers may be raised up who are willing to labor and sacrifice for this great cause of home missions.

MRS. J. A. FINNEY, *Corresponding Secretary.*

TENNESSEE CONFERENCE.

THE Tennessee Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society was organized December 9th at Nashville, Tenn., by Mrs. R. S. Rust, who represented the work of the Society, and explained the advantage that the organization would bring to our charges individually throughout the Conference; and the special advantage that would come from the co-operation of the ministers and women in the work of an Industrial Home in connection with the Central Tennessee College. Mrs. S. Porter was elected President; Miss Mattie Carr, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. H. W. White, Recording Secretary; and Miss Tillie Lloyd, Treasurer. A cordial interest was manifested. Our people are enthusiastic to do all they can to secure an organization in every charge in the Conference.

MATTIE CARR, *Corresponding Secretary.*

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

THIS Conference year closes with not as much done for the Master as we had hoped to accomplish at the beginning of the year. We are still hoping and praying that obstructions may disappear, that we may do more the ensuing year. During the past year we sent to the general treasury \$98—\$76.50 for the year 1892, and \$21.50 for the year 1893. These amounts are very small, but we hope to report more money and more active members this year than ever before. Two new Auxiliaries have been organized. Our greatest aim is to make our work permanent. By the help of the Lord, we will succeed.

There is one thing of which I would like to make mention, and that is the juvenile department at Trinity Church, Houston, Texas. Under the careful oversight of Sister S. Jones, this department of the work is kept in a thriving condition. We have several such workers as Sister Jones. We are still working, hoping, and praying.

MRS. MATTIE J. SCOTT, *Corresponding Secretary.*

TROY CONFERENCE.

THERE has been no marked change in the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society in our Conference the past year, but continuance in well-doing. Every district is fully organized, and district meetings have been held in each. Mrs. May Leonard Wells was with us at the Conference Anniversary, and at three district meetings, and at the Round Lake Anniversary, giving new inspiration to the workers and winning many new friends to the cause by her inspiring addresses.

Three young women have entered the Lucy Webb Hayes Training-school in Washington, D. C. We have supported a scholarship in that institution, four beneficiaries in Stickney Home, and one in Kent Home; also one in the Mothers' Jewels Home, and one missionary. We received

a bequest of \$450 from the Harriet Russell estate, which was forwarded to the General Treasurer and applied to the General Fund. When we consider the depression in business, we are very grateful that all our pledges have been met. MRS. E. W. SIMPSON, *Corresponding Secretary.*

UPPER IOWA CONFERENCE.

WITH ten new organizations since our last Annual Meeting, I can only report a gain of two Societies over last year.

We have now 56 working Auxiliaries. Seven Societies counted last year, and one of the newly organized ones, paid no dues this year.

Our earnest entreaties and the faithful efforts of the district officers failed to prevent them from becoming weary in well-doing.

This is the discouraging feature of the work; but we must not become weary likewise, though these perplexities confront us.

Five of our districts are well organized, and officered with faithful, conscientious women. Helpful meetings were held in each district, and a Home Mission Day was observed at Silver Lake Camp-meeting under the auspices of the Dubuque District officers, and at the Tama City Camp-meeting by the officers of Marshalltown District. Our Annual Meeting and Anniversary were held at the time of the Annual Conference.

For two years our Conference paid the salary of Miss Sophia Johnston, of the E. L. Rust Home, at Holly Springs, Miss., with money raised above dues.

To accommodate a sister Conference, we gave up this work at the close of last year, and accepted the Clarkson Mission at Clarkson, Miss.; Miss Florence V. Jackman, superintendent. We hope to give this mission a liberal support.

Mrs. McCormac, wife of Rev. W. E. McCormac, of our Conference, left by will \$100 to our Society. The Matron's Room in Sibley Memorial Hospital, connected with the training-school at Washington, is named for Mrs. McCormac through the payment of the \$100 to that institution. We felt that in this way we could help the training-school, and at the same time perpetuate the memory of our dear sister whose love for our cause prompted the generous gift.

Our Conference Treasurer reports for the Conference year: Cash, \$1,877.99; supplies, \$764.37; total, \$2,642.36. The Clinton Auxiliary furnished a barrel of new clothing to a frontier minister. We pledged at the Toledo meeting to keep our subscription list to *Woman's Home Missions* up to five hundred. According to my latest report from the Societies, we have not quite redeemed our pledge, although forty-nine new subscribers have been secured in the newly-organized Societies. We report four hundred and forty-seven copies taken.

The subject of Conference Unions was discussed and acted upon at all of our district meetings and at our Conference Annual Meeting. The vote was unanimous for the change.

Two of our sisters connected with the Conference work of our Society have been called to join the angel band—Mrs. L. N. Elliott, of Preston, Conference Secretary of Reading Circles; and Miss Mattie Richardson, of Manchester, Manager for Dubuque District.

When we consider that only fifty-six of our three hundred and three congregations in Upper Iowa Conference have Woman's Home Missionary Societies, we feel the magnitude of the work before us, and pray for greater zeal on our part to do with our might what our hands find to do, and greater willingness on the part of all our Methodist women to be co-workers together with Him for the evangelization of our home land, that we may continue to be a light to, and a refuge for, all nations.

MRS. MARGARET ALSPAUGH, *Corresponding Secretary.*

UPPER MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.

THIS Conference contributed directly to the Woman's Home Missionary Society this year, \$7.50. The Sisters of Mercy, a local organization of Holly Springs, which co-operates with us in our Old Woman's Home, in connection with E. L. Rust Industrial Home, was organized July 29, 1889, and has in that time raised \$114.75 for the relief of aged and sick people. Although the organization is in the Methodist Church, it does not confine its membership or relief to the Church. During the past year they have raised \$40.30. Since the opening we have received about \$60 for the improvement of the Home. While only a part of this was from our Society, all has been put into Woman's Home Missionary property.

From our supply department the inmates of the Home are clothed, and the table supplied by the regular amount from the Sisters of Mercy, supplemented by gifts from the table of the Industrial School. By this association of effort in the care of these helpless old people, we train the girls in our school in tender helpfulness, and make it an object lesson to all.

The Conference should be thoroughly organized at all points where an Auxiliary could be sustained. But these points are remote from each other; many of the women are bread-winners, and so have little time or money; so that the matter of organization will be both difficult and expensive.

SOPHIA JOHNSTON, *Corresponding Secretary.*

VERMONT CONFERENCE.

WHILE the Woman's Home Missionary Society of Vermont Conference has not made the gain we hoped for at the beginning of the year, some good work has been done. We have added one hundred members in Auxiliaries and circles, but have lost in bands and Mothers' Jewels, so that our total membership remains about the same. Five life members have been added. Interest is being awakened in the matter of Mothers' Jewels, and we hope to report many children pledged to this work.

Our special work of the year has been the support of Hannah Thomas, the "baby" of Stickney Home; the payment of quite a sum to the General Fund in addition to the membership dues, and more than \$100 to apply on the debt to the Mothers' Jewels Home.

By this sum we redeemed the pledge of our Conference Secretary, who, at the Toledo meeting, promised ten dollars toward the debt. Smaller sums have been given to other objects.

For two years our Conference Society supported a girl in Alaska. This year we have again assumed her support, and quite a sum has already been raised for that purpose.

Two hundred subscribers to *Woman's Home Missions* are reported.

Our Conference Anniversary was observed April 20th, just ten years from the organization of the Society. Mrs. May Leonard Wells presented our work in a forceful way, which interested all and awakened many. Mrs. Wells added fifty members to our number.

Our greatest discouragement has come along the line of deaconess work, which is greatly needed in our Conference. Our presiding elders are our staunch friends, members of our Deaconess Board, and willing to help us; but again and again our efforts to engage a deaconess have proved fruitless. We are ready to support a deaconess beneficiary at Washington, but can find no consecrated young woman who is both willing and physically able to go.

We begin a new year with much to encourage us. There is harmony among the Conference officers; new interest is shown by many Auxiliaries; our secretaries of mite-boxes, supplies, and young people's work are enthusiastic; our districts are well officered.

One district officer writes: "I, at this hour, pledge myself that, with the help of God, he giving strength, time, and opportunity, I will do my part in this work."

Were this spirit shown by every worker, we could carry Vermont for the redemption of our native land.

MRS. ELLA C. ELMER, *Corresponding Secretary.*

WEST NEBRASKA CONFERENCE.

NOTWITHSTANDING the many discouragements of the past year incident to drought and consequent failure of crops, our Annual Meeting was well represented by the membership. Considering the financial depression, the Auxiliaries have done good work, as the amount raised for the home mission work will show. Over three hundred dollars was reported to the Treasurer. Mrs. Collins organized several Auxiliaries during the year, and her report showed that the interest in the work is sustained. Rev. Dr. P. C. Johnson, a former presiding elder of our Conference and a warm friend of our Society, gave an excellent address. We may not be able to organize many, if any, new Auxiliaries during the year, but will endeavor to hold the ground already occupied. As many of the charges are unable to support a pastor, this would be a year of much suffering among the preachers were it not for the prompt responses to appeals for aid that have already been given in money and clothing. Our Society is coming nobly to the rescue. Valuable local work has been done by many of the Societies.

MRS. E. SMITH, *Corresponding Secretary.*

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

OUR Conference has suffered a great loss in the death of Mrs. L. A. Westbrooks, who has been for a number of years our faithful and efficient Secretary. Sister Westbrooks was present at our last Annual Conference, in December, but was so feeble as to need support while she addressed her last words to the Conference. Since her death, the work of organizing has been carried on by Mrs. Ada Johnson, and several new Auxiliaries have been formed.

MRS. ADA JOHNSON, *Acting Corresponding Secretary.*

WEST WISCONSIN CONFERENCE

THE Woman's Home Missionary Society of the West Wisconsin Conference has not decreased during the past year, as we at times feared it would. Our cash receipts are not quite as full as last year, but the supplies much larger.

On account of the hard times and the terrible forest fires, the demands for local aid have been, and will be, great upon our Auxiliaries. With prayerful hearts and willing hands, all are anxious to do what they can, and many are working to aid the homeless ones in their destitution caused by extensive fires in our State.

Correct reports of supplies can not be obtained; in fact, we find great

difficulty in obtaining full and regular reports from Auxiliaries. More cash and supplies are sent, and we have more members than are reported. How to remedy this, is a question. We have enlisted some new workers this year; so with the ones who have served so faithfully in the past, we look for good work this coming year. We hope to at least double our membership. We now have twenty-six Auxiliaries, Mission Circles, and Bands. We should have twice that number.

Rev. A. D. Traveller, D. D., of Chicago, gave a soul-stirring address at our Conference Anniversary. Hope many that heard him will remember his advice: "See to it at once that there is a Woman's Home Missionary Society organized on every charge."

MRS M. BENSON, *Corresponding Secretary.*

WILMINGTON CONFERENCE.

IN recording the events of the year in the Wilmington Conference, first in importance we consider the increasing interest everywhere manifest in the work of Home Missions. The Auxiliaries have grown, and displayed unusual zeal along various lines of work. Charges without Auxiliaries have contributed funds, and a number of new bands organized. Mrs. J. P. Doughten, Secretary of "Young People's Work," reports nine bands, with one hundred and seventeen members, an increase of fifty; and two circles, with a membership of forty-four. That we have not a greater increase in Auxiliary members is a matter for regret, yet we are stronger in many ways. The Anniversary exercises of the Auxiliaries show they are growing in force. Presiding elders, pastors, and persons of influence are becoming interested, and will give assistance in future work. The Eighth Annual Meeting, held in Middletown, Del., on March 8th, showed no decrease in interest or funds, but rather an increase over the previous year. It was our good fortune to secure Mrs. Mary Leonard Wells, to give the annual address. We have reason to believe that many who listened to her plea for the need of mission work at home, felt increased interest and sympathy for the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

Our aim during the year has been to aid the General Fund as much as possible, yet we have not failed in other departments. Funds have been contributed toward the salary of a missionary, while our beneficiaries in the Mothers' Jewels and Ritter Homes continue to be well cared for. Supplies in clothing and money have been sent to the South and West, as well as to those in need in our own Conference. A room in the Jewels Home has also been furnished by Scott Auxiliary.

Meetings of the Conference Executive Board, which have been regularly held, with large attendance, show an ever-increasing interest in the work. The district meetings are always occasions of great benefit. The amount of local work exceeds in value any previous year. Not as much interest is apparent as we should like to note in the Conference Reading Circle, but we hope for improvement. Owing to the efforts of the Mite-box Secretary, Mrs. J. D. Lincoln, the gleanings from this source amount to more than ever before. The newly-elected Secretary of Supplies, Mrs. H. F. Pickels, is working with a will, and at this time is preparing boxes of clothing, etc., for frontier ministers.

In October of 1893 the necessity for deaconess work in Wilmington was so apparent, the Conference Executive Board determined to secure two deaconesses, the Auxiliaries assuming their support. We found it impossible to secure two, and only after considerable effort was one found. In January, Miss Howard, formerly of the Lucy Webb Hayes Deaconess College, came to Wilmington, but on account of ill-health remained only a short time.

In March, at a meeting of the Executive Board, it was determined to establish a Deaconess Home and begin the work on a larger plan. Since then the Deaconess Committee has been looking for deaconesses, but with little success as yet. To this particular work we want to give attention. No doubt but discouragements will come; but they may prove a stimulus to greater zeal, and perhaps interest those who still remain indifferent to the necessity and needs of this work in our midst.

MRS. EMMA L. WELDIN, *Corresponding Secretary.*

WISCONSIN CONFERENCE.

OUR Conference has advanced in membership, and still more in interest, the outcome, we think, of our pleasant Conference meetings at Byron Camp-ground, and our Woman's Home Missionary Day at our Wisconsin Conference. We owe much, also, to the visit of Mrs. B. S. Potter, who spoke at both of our Conference meetings, and in several of our cities and towns.

The Corresponding Secretary, with Mrs. Potter, visited most of the leading Churches, and presented our work in two districts, and organized several new Auxiliaries. Then they separated, and went in different directions. Results: Eight new Societies, with 218 new members. Two of these new Societies have received new members at each of their monthly meetings held since their organization.

Most of the Auxiliaries have a list of subscribers to *Home Missions*. Over fifty subscriptions have been obtained by the personal effort of the Conference Corresponding Secretary. We wish we could report as many subscribers as we have members. We have now twelve Societies, besides our bands of Mothers' Jewels.

Several of our Auxiliaries report sending boxes and barrels to needy ones in our own State, whose home and all were destroyed by fire. Our new Auxiliaries in Milwaukee report sending two boxes to Phillips fire-sufferers, valued at \$75. Our Auxiliaries do not fully report their work; and some work largely in their own communities; hence, a full account can not be given. We trust that another year may show a greater advance along all lines.

MRS. R. W. BATES, *Corresponding Secretary.*

WYOMING CONFERENCE.

OWING to the serious illness of Mrs. S. O. Robins, our very efficient Conference Corresponding Secretary, we will not be able to bring as complete a record of the year as we would desire; but we can report progress and increased interest throughout the Conference, and every department of our work has been looked after with great care.

At our Annual Meeting, held a few weeks ago, in Carbondale, particular attention was called to our frontier work, and quite a number of barrels promised, to meet the pressing demands of the coming winter. A large number of new subscribers were pledged for *Home Missions*, and about seventy-five mite-boxes distributed, and interest increased along all lines of our work. We have one deaconess and several Church missionaries employed in our larger cities, doing most excellent work. Our districts are not all organized. We will make special effort for this the coming year.

Many barrels of supplies have been sent, some of which, we are sure, will gladden and enrich those who receive them. Quite recently one of

our Auxiliaries sent a sewing-machine to the Industrial Home at Clarkson, Miss.

The camp-meeting anniversaries were under the supervision of the district officers, and were occasions of interest. The anniversary during the session of Conference held at Elm Park Church, Scranton, was a time of great helpfulness to us. Mrs. May Leonard Wells presented the work in a very concise and beautiful manner, to the delight of a very large audience. To the increasing and imperative demands upon us as a Society, we are sure the Wyoming Conference will respond heartily, and do better work next year than they have done before.

MRS. ELIAS ROBINS, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Reports from Committees.

TO GENERAL MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.

THE Committee to whom the General Board of Managers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society intrusted the transmission to the General Missionary Committee of the appropriations for the years 1894 and 1895—made at its recent Annual Session in Williamsport, Pa.—beg leave to report that they were received with great cordiality by Bishops, clergy, and laymen.

The appropriations were placed in the hands of Bishop J. M. Walden, who presented them to the General Committee. As questions of very grave importance were under discussion (thereby consuming much time), it was not deemed necessary for your representatives to remain until such an hour as your message would be presented to the Committee.

Having received no information to the contrary, we conclude that the appropriations were in accord with the good judgment of our brethren of the General Committee.

MRS. CLINTON B. FISK.

MRS. R. S. RUST.

ON RELIGIOUS PRESS.

THE Committee on Religious Press sent out the report of the Annual Meeting to twenty-four Church papers, including three on the Pacific Coast. The proceedings of the first three days were mailed on Saturday night, and the remainder of the session was written up at the close and sent off in time for the papers of the following week. Mrs. Loomis, of Genesee Conference, and Mrs. S. T. Drake, of Newark Conference, kindly assisted.

MRS. T. L. TOMKINSON, *Chairman.*

ON DAY OF HUMILIATION AND PRAYER.

THE Committee on Day of Humiliation and Prayer, appointed at the last Annual Meeting, corresponded concerning this matter submitted to their charge, and prepared a suggestive order of exercises, which was printed in the April issue of *Woman's Home Missions*. Programs, self-denial envelopes, and three sets of leaflets were provided free—except postage—to all ordering of the publisher of *Woman's Home Missions*. The Committee heartily appreciate the wise and kindly helpfulness of the editor and publisher of our paper, who aided greatly in this matter.

A letter—inclosing a copy of program, envelopes, and each of the leaflets provided—was written to each of the Conference Secretaries, requesting that her influence be used for observance of the day. Of these sixty-eight letters, nine were returned unclaimed.

While preparing the suggestive order of exercises, we sent for the leaflet, "Exercises for Day of Humiliation and Prayer," published by the Executive Committee of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church, and inquired what day had been appointed by that Society. The reply came that no action had yet been taken fixing such a day for this year; but added: "We think a *general call* from home missionary organizations of

all denominations for a *special day* when all our women could unite in fervent prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon our work, would be good for us all. Your letter suggests the thought that something of the kind might be arranged."

The Committee concluded to consult the Societies of our sister Churches to ascertain how they would consider concert of action in this matter. The Baptist, United Brethren, Free Baptist, Presbyterian, and Congregational Societies were each written to. The answers received were all favorable to such action.

Therefore, as a Committee, we recommend that action be taken by this body to co-operate with the Woman's Home Missionary Societies of our sister denominations in fixing a Day of Humiliation and Prayer.

MRS. J. P. NEGUS, *Chairman.*

ON MITE-BOXES.

DURING the year there were purchased 5,939 mite-beehives, at a cost of four cents each; 2,436 mite-jugs, at a cost of three cents each; and 1,925 mite-barrels, at a cost of one and a half cents each; making a total cost for boxes, packing, and freight, of \$340.82.

Received in payment for boxes, \$52.06; part of which was used in payment of expenses, and the balance sent to the General Treasurer.

The amounts of the collections in the various Conferences, as reported to me, are as follows: Central Ohio, \$285.60; Central Pennsylvania, \$81.68; Central New York, \$113.74; Cincinnati, \$172.22; Detroit, \$187; East Tennessee, \$83.24; East Ohio, \$13; Erie, \$30.40; North Ohio, \$31.05; Genesee, \$110.79; Illinois, \$6.38; Michigan, \$87.65; New England, \$170.97; New York, \$32.68; Northwest Iowa, \$426.22; New York, East, \$16.25; Pittsburg, \$155.72; South Kansas, \$2.61; Vermont, \$18. Total, \$2,050.29.

The Northwest Iowa Conference receives the banner, having contributed the largest amount.

At the last Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers, the following resolution was passed:

"Resolved, That we recommend the mite-box as an important agency in increasing the finances of the Society, and urge its use by every member."

The effect of this resolution has been to increase the interest in the use of the mite-boxes; and it is hoped when the time arrives, it will appear that the collections are largely increased. There has been more system in the use of the boxes during the past year than in former years, owing largely to the interest which the Conference Mite-box Secretaries have taken. It is hoped that during the coming year this work will be apportioned in Conferences, Districts, and Auxiliaries, with Mite-box Secretaries in each, so that there will be a better method of reporting the collections.

Mrs. J. P. Negus, of Inwood, Iowa, and Mrs. F. H. Lord, of Lynn, Mass., as Assistant Mite-box Secretaries, have rendered valuable services during the year, and really to these ladies much of the credit is due.

MRS. W. M. AMPT, *Chairman.*

OF THE PUBLISHER OF "WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONS."

OUR report for the nine months ending with July, 1894, gives room for encouragement. We have great reason to be thankful to our Heavenly Father that we have been able, through these trying times, to take an advance step. Many papers have sustained great losses; surely we have been favored. In the nine months we have added over five hundred to the subscription-list, making the list about sixteen thousand.

The charts offered as premiums for a certain number of new subscriptions have been received with favor. We recommend that this offer be continued, and arrangements made for other premiums. It would be well to have the premium something pertaining to the work of our Society. A map, locating our Homes, would make a desirable premium.

Those at the front in the different branches of our work are constantly and urgently calling for more workers and more means to carry on the work. The great hindrance to our work is the ignorance in regard to its importance, and this is the reason for the lack of means to carry it on. Taking our statistics for last year, we find our Society had a membership of 66,000. Only one-fourth of this number take the paper. True, many of our number are working zealously in this department, but many others are indifferent. We believe the women of our Church are able and willing to meet the demands of this work if it be properly placed before them. If we will do our duty and give the needed information, there can be no doubt that our sisters will respond and do their share of the work. Let us buckle the girdle tighter, that we may run faster, work better, enlist more of the women of our Church in the work of Home Missions; then we will have prosperous Auxiliaries, alive to the work, where we now see them in their feebleness.

We have been successful in our work the past nine months, as before stated; but we could make a rousing success if, in some way, we could secure zealous solicitors in every Auxiliary. When we consider that we have an army 2,305 strong canvassing for our paper, the result, as shown in the increase of five hundred subscribers during last year, seems very small. Would our list be at a standstill, or advance only by five hundred, if the 2,305 solicitors realized the importance of the work committed to them? If an indifferent woman is elected to this work in an Auxiliary, our subscription-list is sure to suffer—no other one feels that she dare take hold of the work.

We fear many of our Conference Secretaries and other workers underestimate the help they can give to this department by a few words spoken at the meetings and a few lines added to your letters. Do not be afraid of repeating and repeating again. Let them know that you feel the importance of a wider circulation of *Woman's Home Missions*. The paper belongs to you—to the Woman's Home Missionary Society. It is not a private enterprise. Its sole aim is to advance the great work before us, and it is dependent on your efforts for its success.

Where organizers are sent out, they should be instructed to make it their special duty to secure subscribers; not only from the new membership, but from the whole Church, thus leaving the Auxiliary some food on which to grow.

Our finances are in a good condition. The eight pages added to the March issue gave us a little extra expense. To furnish a sixteen-page monthly for twenty-five cents per year requires the exercise of the strictest economy to meet expenses and leave a balance. Every bill has been met, and met as soon as due, and there is a cash balance on hand of \$860.12.

Your publisher would urgently remind the Society that, with the prospective changes in size and price of our paper, there rest grave responsi-

bilities. The accompanying statements show the receipts and expenditures for the nine months:

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year,	\$468 70
From subscriptions,	3,241 51
From advertisements,	99 06

\$3,809 27

EXPENDITURES.

To printing and preparing paper for mailing,	\$2,135 30
To salaries editor and publisher,	600 00
To postage on paper, subscription blanks, and sundries, . .	213 85
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To balance on hand,	\$2,949 15
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	860 12

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MISS MARY BELLE EVANS, *Publisher.*

OF THE EDITOR OF "WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONS."

"WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONS" made its first appearance January, 1884, with 600 pledged subscribers—pledged by our enthusiastic and efficient Conference Secretaries, who have been faithfully renewing and increasing their pledges annually ever since. It began with eight pages of its present size—"large enough," a very eminent worker said, "for busy women to read." But our President said: "I read every word of it, even to the advertisements, and am too soon done." It was evident that our space was too limited for the rapidly-developing work. Therefore, in February, 1885, after existing one year in eight-page limits, we doubled the number, and appeared as we now are—a sixteen-page monthly.

Often forced to economize space in a manner painful to our ideas of appropriate and tasteful arrangement, we are conscious that our pages are open to criticism by those who can not know our embarrassment. The growth of our literature is commensurate with that of the Society, and *vice versa*.

By the action of the General Executive Board, in April, 1894, steps were taken toward the union of the *Deaconess at Work*, representing the Deaconess Department of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, with *Woman's Home Missions*, and a few months later the papers were united. This was a union desirable, not for the paper alone, but for the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

First—Because the addition of a department so important as the deaconess work increases the interest and value of the paper.

Second—It is not possible for any one department of our work, even so large as the Deaconess Department, to sustain a separate periodical without falling either into great sameness, or occupying the ground of the Church papers and *Woman's Home Missions*, in order to make it acceptable.

Third—A complete union of the papers, we trust, will take place when the term for the subscription-list of the *Deaconess at Work* closes, and the obligation ends.

Fourth—This union will result, when matter for the Deaconess Department is limited to the interests of deaconess work, and matter on related lines is assigned to its appropriate place in the paper.

Fifth—Otherwise, we shall present the anomaly of one Society with two similar papers under one cover.

Sixth—For example, besides that of the *Deaconess at Work*, *The Message*, organ of the deaconess work outside of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, small as it is, can not occupy the space with deaconess matter alone—could not, without sameness. It therefore introduces kindred missionary matter—such matter as may be found in all benevolent, religious, and missionary periodicals, and which always forms a part of *Woman's Home Missions*.

The union, then, of these two papers will, we think, meet the want of the Society, by furnishing a periodical which will embrace within one cover all our departments of work as a unit.

With regard to space, the Bureau secretaries write: "We often do not report our work, knowing how limited is the space of our paper." But we think the keeping of each department in appropriate lines will make room for all. Additional pages, for which we ask, will give a little more scope to the whole Society, so greatly repressed heretofore.

We do most heartily welcome our little sister, and trust she will be content to claim as hers our largest, best room, with all its little closets and bureaus—but only one room, that the rest of the Society may also be entertained.

Our Deaconess Department is no longer a doubtful question. It is a homogeneous, inseparable part of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. The day is not distant, we believe, when all our missions, frontier and elsewhere, will be comforted and adorned with the presence of our devoted deaconesses in their white ties and simple garbs. And, therefore, as the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, in all its phases, is one, the paper should so represent it, and not with an annex.

We owe it to ourselves that we be presented to the Church and the world in compactness and strength. How devoutly it is to be wished that everybody like to read missionary literature! Rather, that everybody did read it; for one has only to read, when a peculiar interest and inspiration, which is doubtless of the Holy Spirit, begins to burn in the heart, elevate the thoughts, and widen the vision.

One good missionary paper might be in every family, as an educator no less of the brain than the heart, for the general betterment of society. A lady connected with one of the great publishing-houses of this country writes: "It is ascertained that where the Sunday secular paper is read, the missionary paper is not read."

Do you not instinctively feel the difference in the moral atmosphere of the family where the missionary paper is read, and the Sunday secular paper is not read? The sensationalism of the Sunday paper is not its worst feature. The imprint on that paper of the name of the holy day—Sunday—is a fruitful teacher of disobedience to law, human and divine, and of the trampling under foot of the most solemn sanctions. Is it not cause of alarm that the question should exist—the Sunday secular paper or the missionary paper, which? Shall not the dangers about us fan our zeal to a brighter glow in behalf of the extension of the influence of our paper and literature?

MRS. H. C. McCABE, *Editor.*

ON MISSIONARY CANDIDATES.

TEN candidates have passed the Committee, and have been accepted by the Executive Board as missionaries. Most of these are now engaged in the work. Some, we are glad to report, have spent some time at the training-school in Washington, and we earnestly hope the number may be increased; and in order to help those who are unable to meet the ex-

pense themselves, or have no friends to assist them, we repeat our recommendation, that an effort be made to secure a fund whereby candidates may be aided in securing training necessary for missionary work.

MRS. WM. C. HERRON, *Chairman.*

ON LEAFLETS.

Leaflet account for the Year ending July 15, 1894.

EXPENSES.

For printing,	\$91 75
For expressage and postage,	25 41
Total expense,	\$117 16

RECEIPTS.

From sale of leaflets,	\$96 36
Balance from last year,	26 58
Total receipts,	\$122 94
	117 16

Whole number of leaflets distributed,	\$5 78
Whole number of pamphlets distributed,	63,353
Whole number of pages distributed,	1,435

MRS. E. E. MARCY, *Chairman.*

ON TRANSPORTATION.

ARRANGEMENTS have been effected for a reduced rate of one-third fare returning, for the Annual Meeting at Williamsport, Pa., for the States east of Buffalo and Pittsburg (excepting New England States), and for those north of the Ohio River as far west as the Mississippi River, for such delegates and visitors as are provided with a certificate showing that they have paid full fare in going.

As this concession in rates can not be secured unless it is certified that one hundred or more persons will be in attendance at the meeting, it is of the utmost importance that those proposing to attend future meetings shall send their names and full address to the Chairman of Transportation at an early date, in order that it may be known if the proper number will attend; otherwise arrangements for reduced rates can not be made.

MRS. W. M. AMPT, *Chairman.*

ON BY-LAWS.

RESOLVED, 1. That Article 6, for District Associations, page 165, Twelfth Annual Report, be so amended as to read, "There shall be an annual meeting for the election of officers, and the transaction of such other business as may be of interest to the Association."

2. That since many recommendations for changes were presented which would be in conflict with the Constitution of the General Society,

and since there does now appear a lack of unity in the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws, we recommend that a Committee of three be appointed on Revision of Constitution and By-laws, said Committee to report at the next annual meeting of the Board of Managers.

MRS. W. G. WILLIAMS, *Chairman.*

BEQUEST AND DEVISE.

HOLLIS JEWEL, Freeport, Ill.—This estate has been in litigation. Four Societies, including the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, have agreed to a compromise with the parties in interest. Whether the compromise has been carried out we are not advised. Nothing has been collected.

CHARLES T. BORDEN, Mansfield, Mass.—This estate has undergone expensive and protracted litigation. Estate settled. Amount received by Society, \$1,813.87.

AMANDA FREEMAN, Valparaiso, Ind.—Estate in litigation. The devise is \$500 "for the benefit and support of schools among the Mormons."

ELIZA G. DAVIS, Cincinnati, O.—Devise of \$1,000. Nothing collected as far as we are advised.

MRS. C. L. VINE, Toledo, O.—Legacy of \$500 collected by M. B. Hagans, who, with R. S. Rust, gave indemnity bond therefor, and the same will be paid upon settlement of the estate and return of said bond.

HARRIET M. RUSSELL, Malta, N. Y.—\$450 paid into the treasury of the Society in May.

MRS. HANNAH F. WESTON, Boston, Mass.—Legacy \$100. Collected and paid over.

LEVINA AVERY, Seneca Falls, N. Y.—Property sold to pay debts. We obtain nothing.

THOMAS C. BARCLAY, Seneca Falls, N. Y.—Estate settled. Nothing to distribute.

REV. O. J. SQUIRE, Troy, N. Y.—Leaves \$500 to our Society, "If, upon the decease of my wife, my estate is worth \$18,000 or more."

MARY M. WHIPPLE, Rochester, N. Y.—Legacy \$1,000. Estate settled; amount paid Society, \$700.

JULIA E. TYLER, Rochester, N. Y.—Estate is in process of settlement.

MRS. S. Z. KAUFMAN, Wooster, O.—Legacy, \$25. Held invalid by the court.

MARTHA JOHNSON, Bucyrus, O.—Property in litigation, and will contested. Adjustment agreed to between relatives and legatees. Estate in process of settlement.

ALLIE J. GIBBS, Deerfield, O.—The residuary devisee is our Society. Estate in process of settlement.

MRS. MIRANDA B. W. HOWARD, Mt. Carroll, Ill.—Will dated September, 1874, before the organization of the Society.

MRS. ALMIRA C. FISK, Mt. Holly Springs, Pa.—\$10 collected and paid over by Mrs. R. S. Rust.

LUCY A. WILLIAMS, Pittsfield, Ill.—Bequest to the "Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, \$1,500." In litigation.

JOHN M. BROWN, Steuben Co., Ind.—Devise to a daughter of an interest in real estate for life. "At her death, should she have no children living, the property shall revert to the Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church for charitable purposes." Will contested; effort to compromise unsuccessful; trial resulted in verdict for Society; motion for new trial sustained; case to be retried; amount involved about \$3,500.

The foregoing contains a complete list of all wills and legacies thereunder, and the condition thereof, for the fiscal years 1891-92, 1892-93, 1893-94, which have come to my knowledge.

We are continually confronted with legacies to the Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, thus leaving out our corporate name, and inevitably introducing confusion, difficulty, and expense. The use of our corporate name in making wills can not be too pointedly emphasized. We may be in some respects at fault ourselves in this matter, as frequently in public we speak of our Society as the Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, instead of the *Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church*, and thus mislead our friends.

MRS. M. B. HAGANS, *Committee.*

ON RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, 1. That we recognize the hand of God in the success of our work, and we would express our gratitude for his unbounded mercies in all the way He hath led us.

2. That we consider our Annual Meeting an invaluable promoter of enthusiasm and interest to the Woman's Home Missionary Society throughout the country.

3. That we give expression to the Christian esteem and tender love in which we hold our departed sister, Mrs. R. W. P. Goff, and while we note the absence of her cheerful face, wise and prayerful counsel, and her zeal in every good work, we bow in submission to the behests of an all-wise Father and dedicate ourselves anew to the salvation of our country in memory of her.

4. That we recognize our *Woman's Home Missions* as the great instructor in the varied work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and recommend that each Secretary make renewed efforts to increase its circulation among the districts of her Conference.

5. That we recommend our leaflet literature as an economical, useful, and reliable source of information for all Auxiliaries.

6. That as our mite-boxes encourage regular and systematic giving, and are a means of gleaning the smaller amounts, we recommend that our Conference Secretaries urge the use of mite-boxes and the appointment of Mite-box Secretaries in every Conference.

7. Whereas, the liquor-traffic of America is the greatest foe of women, the most insidious corrupter of the home, and the most persistent hindrance to missions; therefore, be it *Resolved*, that the Woman's Home Missionary Society pledges its practical helpfulness to every proper effort to free our land from the curse.

8. That we express by a Chautauqua salute our appreciation of the arduous and faithful labors of our General Officers and members of the Gen-

eral Executive Board, and we will ever hold them up to the Throne of Grace, that they may have strength to help in time of need.

9. That the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Church do utter its continued protest against Sabbath desecration in every form, and recommend that literature and petitions for a National Sunday-rest law be circulated in our Auxiliaries, thereby awakening public conscience against this great evil, and pledge our influence, both by word and action, to advance every effort made for its sacred observance.

10. That we tender our sincere thanks to the trustees and members of Mulberry Street Church for the privileges and comforts we have enjoyed in its use; to the pastor for his thoughtful attention and helpfulness, and to all the pastors of the Methodist Episcopal Churches of Williamsport for their hearty co-operation and sympathy; to the ladies of the various Churches for the generous hospitality of their delightful homes, their bountiful lunches, and the kind care in all the details of their arrangements that have added so much to our pleasure; to the young ladies of the post-office department; to the pages for their untiring services; to Dr. and Mrs. Gray, and the young ladies of Pine Street, for the delightful receptions tendered; to the friends from the Seminary who have assisted us with the music; to the railroads for their favors; to the press for full and accurate reports; and to our sweet singer, Mrs. May Leonard Wells, who has lifted us above the weariness of work by leading us in inspiring music.

MRS. S. F. PALMER, *Chairman.*

MRS. W. H. PEARCE, *Secretary.*

ON FINANCE AND MISSION FIELDS.

THE Committee on Finance and Mission Fields, recommend as follows for the year 1894-5:

APPROPRIATIONS I.

Southern Work.

THAYER HOME, ATLANTA, GA.—Superintendent, salary and traveling expenses,	\$400
Assistant teacher,	90
Assistance in school-work,	100
For incidentals and improvements,	90
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Total,	\$680

HAVEN HOME, SAVANNAH, GA.—Superintendent, salary and traveling expenses,	480
Two teachers,	720
Current expenses,	600
Repairs and furnishing,	200
Insurance, plumbing, etc.,	150
School supplies,	25
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Total,	\$2,175

SPEEDWELL, GA.—Teacher, salary and traveling expenses,	360
Current expenses and incidentals,	175
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Total,	\$535

BOYLAN HOME, JACKSONVILLE, FLA.—Superintendent, salary and traveling expenses,	\$400
Three assistant teachers,	1,100
City water and plumbing,	200
Improvements and repairs,	150
Incidentals,	100
Furnishing (conditional),	100
Balance on purchase of lot (conditional),	1,000
 Total,	 \$3,050
EMERSON MEMORIAL HOME, OCALA, FLA.—Superintendent and assistant teacher,	688
Improvements and incidentals,	200
Balance due on purchase of property,	88
 Total,	 \$976
KENT HOME, GREENSBORO, N. C.—Superintendent, salary and traveling expenses,	350
Assistant teacher,	50
Painting and incidentals (conditional),	150
 Total,	 \$550
ASHEVILLE, N. C.—Superintendent and teachers, salary and traveling expenses,	1,080
Furnishings,	170
Fuel and sanitary work,	115
Purchase of lot,	1,000
Building (conditional),	3,000
 Total,	 \$5,365
SIMPSON HOME, ORANGEBURG, S. C.—Superintendent and assistant, Incidentals and furnishings (conditional),	790 175
 Total,	 \$965
BROWNING HOME, CAMDEN, S. C.—Superintendent and three teachers, salary and traveling expenses,	1,560
Incidentals and repairs (\$25 conditional),	155
 Total,	 \$1,715
MORRISTOWN, TENN.—Superintendent and assistant, salary and traveling expenses,	540
Incidentals and insurance,	200
To Mrs. Kent, for money advanced on building,	3,500
 Total,	 \$4,240
RITTER HOME, ATHENS, TENN.—Superintendent and industrial teacher, salary and traveling expenses,	580
Incidentals and fuel,	250
Building (conditional),	750
 Total,	 \$1,580

CLARKSON, MISS.,	Conditional,	\$700 100
	Total,	\$800
E. L. RUST HOME, HOLLY SPRINGS, MISS.—Superintendent and two assistants,		950
Painting and repairs,		300
Incidentals,		150
	Total,	\$1,400
ADELINA SMITH HOME, LITTLE ROCK, ARK.—Superintendent and assistant, salary and traveling expenses,		800
Painting and repairs,		300
Incidentals,		150
	Total,	\$1,250
PECK HOME, NEW ORLEANS, LA.—Superintendent and assistant, salary and traveling expenses,		800
Incidentals and building sidewalk,		165
	Total,	\$965
ITALIAN WORK, NEW ORLEANS, LA.—Missionary,		300
Incidentals,		50
	Total,	\$350
KING HOME, MARSHALL, TEXAS.—Superintendent and industrial teacher, salary and traveling expenses,		740
Incidentals, repairs, and furnishings,		110
Connection with city water,		400
	Total,	\$1,250
Total for Southern work,		\$27,846

Indian Work.

ADELAIDE SPRINGER MISSION, PAWHUSKA, O. T.—Missionary,		\$200
PONCA, O. T.—Missionary,		480
Traveling expenses,		50
Well, cistern, and fence (conditional),		100
PAWNEE, O. T.—Missionary,		150
Building (conditional),		500
STICKNEY HOME, WASHINGTON—Superintendent, matron, and teacher,		540
For board,		148
Building and improvements,		100
UKIAH, CAL.—Missionary,		200
Incidentals for Indian Bureau,		100
	Total,	\$2,568

Utah.

GURLEY HOME, Moroni,	\$180
PALEN SCHOOL, Richfield,	360
THOMSON SCHOOL, Mt. Pleasant,	360
PHILADELPHIA HOME, Logan,—Missionary,	200
Incidentals,	100
PALMER MEMORIAL HOME, Ephraim,	360
EAST OHIO HOME, Provo,	400
OGDEN, Missionary,	200
LEACH HOME, Spring City,	180
DAVIS HALL, Salt Lake City,	500
SPENCER HOME, Salt Lake City,	350
CONTINGENT FUND,	285
Total for Utah,	\$3,475
Total for Utah (Conditional),	300

New Mexico and Arizona (Spanish).

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M.—Missionary,	\$480
Building,	5,000
LAS CRUCES.—Missionary,	480
Incidentals,	25
LAS VEGAS.—Missionary,	480
Rent and Incidentals,	150
Total,	\$6,615

New Mexico and Arizona (Indian).

DULCE.—Missionaries and incidentals,	\$950
School-room and chapel (Conditional),	500
NAVAJOES.—Missionary,	700
Building,	250
Interpreter and medicines,	150
Total,	\$2,550

Immigrant Work.

'IMMIGRANTS' HOME, New York.—Two missionaries,	\$720
Domestic,	210
Rent of building,	650
Current expenses,	250
Total,	\$1,830
IMMIGRANTS' HOME, Philadelphia.—Superintendent, and domestic (\$180 Conditional),	\$336
Rent,	360
Incidentals, fuel and lights,	84
Current expenses (Conditional),	220
Total,	\$1,000

IMMIGRANTS' HOME, Boston.—Superintendent and assistant's salary,	\$976
Repairs, fuel, and lights,	200
Car-fare and incidentals,	60
Building (Conditional),	1,500
 Total,	 \$2,736
J. WATTS DE PEYSTER HOME AND SCHOOL FOR GIRLS, Tivoli, N. Y.—Matron and assistant,	\$645
Teacher,	420
Farmer,	480
Fuel and light,	200
Insurance and taxes,	150
Repairs and incidentals,	200
Current expenses,	150
Conditional,	1,000
 Total,	 \$3,245
ELIZABERH E. MARCY HOME AND MISSION FOR BOHEMIANS, Chi- cago, Ill.—Missionary and assistant,	\$730
Building (Conditional),	10,000
 Total,	 \$10,730
GLENN INDUSTRIAL HOME, Cincinnati.—Missionary and three Kin- dergarten teachers,	\$740
Current expenses,	660
Interest on note,	300
 Total,	 \$1,700
ORIENTALS, San Francisco, Southern California,	\$1,000
 Total,	 \$1,300
Total for Immigrant work,	22,541
MOTHERS' JEWELS HOME, York, Nebraska.—Superintendent and as- sistant,	\$800
Matron,	480
Current expenses,	3,500
Building,	6,600
Apparatus for water and heating,	1,400
Furnishing and dry-closets,	1,000
 Total,	 \$13,780
LUCY WEBB HAYES BIBLE TRAINING-SCHOOL, Washington, D. C.— Salaries and Incidentals,	\$1,500
ALASKA.—Building,	3,000
Medical missionary, salary and traveling expenses,	700
 Total,	 \$3,700
PORTLAND, ORE.—For purchase of property,	\$5,000

Deaconess Work (Conditional).

BALTIMORE,	\$2,000
BROOKLYN,	3,500
BUFFALO,	2,500

CLEVELAND,	\$3,000
DETROIT,	3,500
GRAND RAPIDS,	3,000
KNOXVILLE,	600
PHILADELPHIA,	3,000
PITTSBURG,	3,000
PORTLAND, ORE.,	1,000
SYRACUSE,	1,800
WASHINGTON, D. C.,	2,000
 Total,	 \$28,900

Conference Work (Conditional).

CALIFORNIA.—Orientals,	\$300
DETROIT.—Frontier Work,	3,500
MICHIGAN.—Frontier Work,	1,500
NEW ENGLAND.—Portuguese Work,	550
NEW JERSEY,	500
OHIO,	600
PITTSBURG.—Hungarian Work,	500
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA,	1,500
WISCONSIN.—Frontier Work,	500
 Total,	 \$9,450

Work in Cities and Towns (Conditional).

NEWARK, N. J.,	\$600
JERSEY CITY, N. J.,	500
TOLEDO, O.,	500
 Total,	 \$1,600

Beneficiaries (Conditional).

ASHEVILLE, N. C.,	\$150
ATHENS, TENN.,	800
ATLANTA, GA.,	200
GREENSBORO, N. C.,	150
CAMDEN, S. C.,	250
HOLLY SPRINGS, MISS.,	160
JACKSONVILLE, FLA.,	200
LITTLE ROCK, ARK.,	160
MARSHALL, TEX.,	200
MORRISTOWN, TENN.,	200
NEW MEXICO (Spanish),	200
NEW ORLEANS, LA.,	160
OCALA, FLA.,	200
ORANGEBURG, S. C.,	200
SAVANNAH, GA.,	600
STICKNEY HOME, Nooksack, Washington,	1,250
TRAINING-SCHOOL, Washington, D. C.,	1,500
ALASKA (Unconditional),	1,500
J. WATTS DE PEYSTER HOME AND SCHOOL (Unconditional),	900
 Total,	 \$8,980
GENERAL INCIDENTAL EXPENSES,	\$4,000
Grand Total,	\$142,805

Summary.	Unconditional.	Conditional.
Southern Work,	\$22,546	\$5,300
Indian,	1,968	600
Utah,	3,475	300
New Mexico, Spanish,	6,615	.....
New Mexico, Indian,	2,050	500
Immigrant,	9,641	12,900
Mothers' Jewels,	13,780	.....
Bible Training-school,	1,500	.....
Alaska,	3,700	.....
Portland, Oregon,	5,000	.....
Deaconess Work, . . . . .	.....	28,900
Conference Work, . . . . .	.....	9,450
Cities and Towns, . . . . .	.....	1,600
Beneficiaries,	2,400	6,580
Incidentals,	4,000	.....
	<hr/> \$76,675	<hr/> \$66,130

NOTE.—The term "Conditional," as here used, means that the fund to which it is applied is to be raised for the work indicated, and the amounts so marked will not be expended unless they are specially provided for the purpose.

II. RECOMMENDATIONS.

A request having come from the Swedish Conference, asking for appropriations for work among the Swedes in Chicago, the following was recommended:

WHEREAS, 1. The proposition for the support of a missionary work among the Swedish population of Chicago is not in accord with the plan of work of this Society, it is declined; nevertheless, we hold ourselves in readiness to take up such work when a plan is presented in harmony with the plans of this Society.

2. We recommend that the General Board of Managers ratify the action of the General Executive Board in declining to accept an orphanage in Winlock, Washington; and that the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. R. S. Rust, and the Treasurer, Mrs. J. W. Mendenhall, be directed to take legal steps to deed back the property, for which a deed has been executed to this Society, to the parties by whom it was transferred to this Society.

3. We recommend that the Auxiliaries of the Wisconsin Conference be permitted to use all funds raised by them, outside of membership dues, in their own Conference.

4. (a) We recommend, that when a clear title can be given, the Woman's Home Missionary Society purchase from the Trustees of the Portland, Oregon, Methodist Hospital, for the sum of \$5,000, the Deaconess Home and lot of one hundred feet square on which it is located.

(b) That the Auxiliaries in the Conferences contiguous to Portland—namely, Oregon, Puget Sound, Columbia River, and Idaho—be allowed to apply all funds secured by them during the ensuing year upon the purchase price of this property; provided, such funds be paid into the General Treasury and disbursed therefrom.

MRS. W. G. WILLIAMS, *Chairman.*

MRS. E. B. GREEN, *Secretary.*

Report of the Treasurer.

MRS. J. W. MENDENHALL,

In account with the WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

November 1, 1893, to August 1, 1894.

RECEIPTS FROM CONFERENCES.

Baltimore Conference.

MRS. M. E. BROWN, Treasurer, 902 Fourteenth Street, Washington, D. C.

To General Fund.—BALTIMORE DISTRICT.—Baltimore: Eutaw Street, \$10; Madison Avenue, \$65; Mount Vernon Place, \$56; Wesley Chapel, \$3.66; First Church, \$58; Baltimore Circuit, donation, \$15. Total, \$207.66.

EAST BALTIMORE DISTRICT.—Baltimore, \$20; Madison, \$4; Monument Street, \$15; North Avenue, \$11. Total, \$50.

WEST BALTIMORE DISTRICT.—Baltimore: Columbia Avenue, \$19; Emory, \$8; Fulton Avenue, \$18; Fayette Street, \$22; Franklin Street, \$7; Grace, \$34.10; South Baltimore, \$3.50. Total, \$111.60.

FREDERICK DISTRICT.—Frederick, \$10.75; Frostburg, \$6; Janesville, \$1; Paw Paw, \$13.50. Total, \$31.25.

WASHINGTON DISTRICT.—Anacostia, \$8.99; Dumbarton, \$20; Douglas Memorial, \$14.50; Foundry Street, \$46; Foundry Junior, \$5; Fifteenth Street, \$22; Fourth Street, \$23.60; Grace Church, \$17.95; mite-boxes, \$6.20; Gaithersburg, \$5.50; Hamline Church, \$108; Girls' Band, \$2.50; Mission Circle, \$11; Juvenile Band, \$3.25; Hamline Junior Mission Circle, \$6; Metropolitan, \$36.75; McKendree, \$19.30; Mrs. M. E. Rankin, \$500; Mission Circle, \$1.05; McKendree Junior Mission Circle, \$4.25; Kensington, \$9.25; Ryland, \$35.83; Wesley Chapel, \$35; Mission Circle, \$6; Wesley Junior Mission Circle, \$6.15; Waugh, \$33; mite-boxes, \$4.65; Waugh Junior Mission Circle, \$2.75; Trinity, Fourth Street, \$9.10; life member, \$20; Union, \$28.05; District Conference, donation, \$28. Total, \$1,079.62.

BALTIMORE CONFERENCE DONATION, \$141.80. Total, \$141.80.

Total to General Fund, \$1,621.93.

To Beneficiary Fund.—*To Ritter Home.*—Baltimore: Grace Church, \$15; Hamline, \$5; for Lizzie Nichols, \$15; McKendree, Mrs. Rankin, for support of Annie Little, \$50. Total, \$85.

To Stickney Home.—By voucher, \$25. Total, \$25.

To Lucy Webb Hayes Training-school.—Washington: Foundry Mission Circle, \$25. Total, \$25.

Total to Beneficiary Fund, \$135.

To Special Fund.—*To Stickney Home.*—Madison Avenue, \$50.

To Alaska.—Washington, Foundry Church, \$6. Total, \$50.

To Haven Home.—Madison Avenue, \$25.65. Total, \$25.65.

To Albuquerque Home.—Waugh, \$18. Total, \$18.

To Ritter Home.—Foundry Junior, \$50; Hamline Mission Circle, \$20. Total, \$70.

To Mothers' Jewels Home.—Foundry (to name room in Home for Mrs. A. R. Clark), \$10; Mount Vernon Place, \$2. Total, \$12.

To Deaconess Home, Baltimore.—Madison Avenue, \$101.68; Mount Vernon Place, \$54; Grace Church, \$262.40; East Baltimore, Broadway, \$100; North Baltimore, \$18.20; for Building Fund, \$60; West Baltimore, Emory, \$3.75; Fayette Street, \$62; Janesville, \$4.05. Total, \$666.08.

To Deaconess Home, Washington.—Anacostia, \$28; Douglas Memorial, \$6.65; First Church, \$2; Foundry Church, \$92; Foundry Junior, \$71.36; Band, \$25; Fourth Street, \$26.95; Fifteenth Street, \$28.71; Grace, \$3.60; Hainline, \$167; Mission Circle, \$22.25; Metropolitan, \$341.55; McKendree, \$80.05; McKendree Junior, \$7.85; Mission Circle, \$17.51; Ryland, \$32; Trinity, \$17.60; Union, \$17; Waugh, \$1; Wesley, \$154.05; Wesley Junior, \$1.10. Total, \$1,089.29.

To Sibley Hospital.—Foundry, Mr. Sibley, \$10,000. Total, \$10,000.

To Building Fund.—Madison Avenue, \$206; Mount Vernon Place, \$418; Fayette Street, \$55; Grace Church, \$110. Total, \$789.

Total to Special Fund, \$12,726.02.
Grand total, 14,482.95.

California Conference.

MISS M. WYTHE, Treasurer, 825 Fourteenth Street, Oakland, Cal.

To General Fund.—OAKLAND DISTRICT.—Alameda, \$26; Berkeley: Trinity, \$17; Oakland: First Church, \$36; Stockton, \$12. Total, \$91.

PETALUMA DISTRICT.—Santa Rosa, \$10. Total, \$10.

SAN FRANCISCO DISTRICT.—Pacific Grove, \$6; Santa Cruz, \$22.50; San Francisco: Central, \$24; Grace, \$16; Howard Street, \$40; Simpson, \$22; Trinity, \$17; San Jose: First Church, \$20; Centella, \$6. Total, \$173.50.

OTHER SOURCES.—Conference Society, \$7; Oriental Bureau, \$10. Total, \$17.

Total to General Fund, \$291.50.

To Special Fund.—*To Mothers' Jewels Home.*—Oriental Bureau, \$10.

Total to Special Fund, \$10.00.

Grand total, 301.50.

Central Illinois Conference.

MRS. L. C. TUNNICLIFF, Secretary and Treasurer, 206 North Chambers Street, Galesburg, Ill.

To General Fund.—GALESBURG DISTRICT.—Galesburg: First Church, \$29.34; self-denial; \$9.25; collection, \$1.82; Carthage, \$5.50. Total, \$45.91.

KANKAKEE DISTRICT.—Onargo, \$18. Total, \$18.

MACOMB DISTRICT.—Carthage, \$3.75. Total, \$3.75.

ROCK ISLAND DISTRICT.—Rock Island: First Church, \$27. Total, \$27.

Total to General Fund, \$94.66.

To Beneficiary Fund.—*To Ritter Home.*—Carthage, \$20. Total, \$20.

Total to Beneficiary Fund, \$20.00.

Grand total, 114.66.

Central Missouri Conference.

MRS. G. B. ABBOTT, Secretary and Treasurer, Lexington, Mo.

To General Fund.—Reported without special credits, \$15.60.

Total to General Fund, \$15.60.

Central New York Conference.

MRS. J. F. PEASE, Treasurer, Syracuse, N. Y.

To General Fund.—AUBURN DISTRICT.—Auburn: First Church, \$49; Wall Street, \$24.50; Clyde, \$26; Fleming, \$9.50; Red Creek, \$10; Sciopeville, \$1; Venice, \$2; Weedsport, \$26.50; Mission Circle, \$3.70; Mission Band, \$2.81. Total, \$155.01.

CAZENOVIA DISTRICT.—Canastota, \$17.25; Cazenovia, \$36.25; Chittenango: Mission Circle, \$4.50; Mission Band, \$3; Cortland, \$37; Mission Band, \$2.75; Mission Circle, \$1; mite-boxes, \$27.88; Cuyler Band, \$2.15; De Ruyter, \$7.90; De Witt, \$8; mite-boxes, \$20; East Homer, \$1; Homer, \$16.98; mite-boxes, \$7.90; Keeney's Settlement, \$6; Manlius, \$10; North Pitcher, \$1; Oneida, \$40.75; Mission Band, \$2; mite-boxes, \$20; West Eaton, \$4.84; Mission Band, \$2.90. Total, \$282.06.

ELMIRA DISTRICT.—Canton, \$18.00; Elmira: First Church, \$43.25; Mission Circle, \$18; Hedding, \$23; East Canton, \$2; Smithfield, \$2; Troy: St. John's, \$19.95. Total, \$126.20.

GENEVA DISTRICT.—Lyons, \$20; Milo Center, \$10; Newark, \$19; Penn Yan, \$18.75; Port Gibson, \$3; Sodus, \$14.90; mite-boxes, \$2.50. Total, \$88.15.

ITHACA DISTRICT.—Burdett, \$1; Ithaca: First Church, \$12.50; State Street, \$7.75; Jacksonville, \$1; Mecklenburg, \$15; mite-boxes, \$2.45; Special General, \$3; Ovid, \$3; Sheldrake, \$1; Trumansburg, \$4; West Dryden, \$7; Freeville, \$0.75. Total, \$58.45.

SYRACUSE DISTRICT.—Baldwinsville, \$51; mite-boxes, \$10; Mission Circle, \$7; Liverpool, \$7; Syracuse: First Church, \$77.70; mite-boxes, \$23; Mission Circle, \$5; Band, \$1.75; thank-offering, \$43.55; Centenary, \$43.50; Furman Street, \$11; First Ward, \$14.50; Band, \$1.32; University Avenue, \$52.75; mite-box, \$1.30; to make Mrs. Shelly life member, \$20; Band, \$1.01; Genesee Street, \$3. Total, \$374.38.

Total to General Fund, \$1,084.25.

To Beneficiary Fund.—*To Ritter Home.*—Elmira: Dr. Brown, \$50; Syracuse: First Church, \$5; to make Mrs. Cherry life member, \$20; Troy (to support of Cora Banks), \$5. Total, \$80.

To Stickney Home.—Auburn: First Church (support of boy), \$5; Syracuse: First Church Mission Circle, \$5; Penn Yan (support of girl), \$50. Total, \$60.

New Jersey Home.—Clifton Springs, Y. P. S. C. E., \$12.50.

Total, \$12.50.

To Unalaska.—Penn Yan, \$50.

Total, \$50.

To Simpson Home.—Baldwinsville “Queen Esthers,” \$5; Syracuse Mission Circle (to make Mrs. M. A. Andrews life member), \$20. Total, \$25.

Total to Beneficiary Fund, \$227.50.

To Special Fund.—*To Mothers' Jewels Home.*—Chittenango, \$2.70; Cortland, \$0.70; Canton, \$2; Newark, \$2; Sodus, \$1; Syracuse: First Church, \$1; University Avenue, \$2; Red Creek, \$2.50; Weedsport, \$1.30. Total, \$15.20.

To Ritter Home.—Cortland; \$10; Ithaca: State Street, \$6.11.

Total, \$16.11.

To Stickney Home.—Baldwinsville: Golden Rule Band, \$10; Syracuse: from Mrs. Stickney, \$32; First Ward Band, \$5. Total, \$47.

To Adeline M. Smith Home.—Syracuse: University Avenue, \$21.

Total, \$21.

To Immigrant Girls' Home, New York.—Lyons, \$7.

Total, \$7.

To Italian Girls' Home.—New York: Cortland, \$14.91; Ithaca: State Street, \$16.33. Total, \$31.24.

<i>To other Special Funds.</i> —Newark (thank-offering), \$10.	Total, \$10.
<i>To Peck Home.</i> —Syracuse: University Avenue, \$6.	Total, \$6.
<i>To Deaconess Home, Syracuse.</i> —Auburn: First Church, \$12.50; Cortland, \$25; De Witt, \$6.50; Syracuse: Centenary, \$25; First Church, \$81.50; Band, \$30; Weedsport, \$10.	Total, 190.50.
Total to Special Fund,	\$344.05.
Grand Total.	1,655.80.

Central Ohio Conference.

MRS. W. G. WILLIAMS, Treasurer, Delaware, O.

To General Fund.—BELLEFONTAINE DISTRICT.—Anna, \$14.50; Bellefontaine, \$17.75; De Graff, \$23.75; Hardin, \$11; Quincy, \$10.25; Sidney, \$9.75; Circle, \$4.25. Total, \$101.25.

DEFIANCE DISTRICT.—Ayersville, \$8; Bryan, \$15.25; Defiance, \$34.25; Circle, \$16.50; Independence, \$7; Ottawa, \$15; Paulding, \$2.25; Pioneer, \$21. Total, \$119.25.

DELAWARE DISTRICT.—Delaware: Asbury, \$13; William Street, \$50.50; Marion, \$29; Marysville, \$29; Prospect, \$8.65; Upper Sandusky, \$11.25; West Mansfield, \$6. Total, \$147.40.

FINDLAY DISTRICT.—Ada, \$30; Bloomdale, \$5; Carey, \$7.75; East Union, \$7; Findlay: First Church, \$31.81; Howard, \$5.25; Fostoria, \$20.40; Fremont, \$45; Houcktown, \$2.50. Total, \$154.71.

LIMA DISTRICT.—Delphos, \$6.50; Herring, \$2; Lima: Trinity, \$31; Mendon, \$9.25; Mercer, \$4.80; Middlepoint, \$3.75; Circle, \$3.09; Ohio City: Kingsley Church, \$3.45; Perry, \$3; St. Mary's, \$3; Van Wert \$20.10; Wapakoneta, \$11.25. Total, \$101.19.

TOLEDO DISTRICT.—Bowling Green, \$21; Gibsonburg, \$10.25; Maumee, \$1.95; Oak Harbor, \$9; Tinney, \$16.75; Toledo: Albany Street, \$10; Broadway, \$13.46; Clark Street, \$4; Monroe Street, Band, \$1.60; St. John, \$6; St. Paul, \$90; Third Street, \$13. Total \$197.01.

SPECIAL GENERAL FUND.—Bellefontaine, \$10; Delaware: William Street, \$26.55; Fremont, 5; Lima: Trinity, \$20; Toledo: St. Paul's, \$99.69; West Mansfield, \$5. Total, \$166.24.

Total to General Fund, \$987.05.

To Beneficiary Fund.—*To Ritter Home.*—Defiance, \$40; Sidney Circle, \$10; Toledo: Clark Street, \$25. Total, \$75.

To Thayer Home.—Toledo: St. Paul, by Mr. Breckenridge, \$50. Total, \$50.

To Haven Home.—Toledo: St. Paul Circle, \$38.90. Total, \$38.90.

To King Home.—Delaware: Asbury, \$17.79. Total, \$17.79.

Total to Beneficiary Fund, \$181.69.

To Special Fund.—*To Ritter Home.*—Ada, \$1.62; Anna, \$10; Ayersville, \$6.70; Bellefontaine, \$25; Carey, \$1.30; Defiance, \$30; Circle, \$34.13; Delaware: William Street, \$179.85; Circle, \$20; Delphos, \$34.35; Findlay: First Church, \$8.27; Herring, \$11; Lima: Trinity, \$10; Marion, \$15; Mendon, \$2.10; Mt. Victory, \$5; Ottawa, \$50.06; Sidney, \$60; Band, \$2.50; Toledo: Clark Street, \$1.75; St. Paul, \$5.81; Tinney, \$1.20; Van Wert, \$44.28; Mrs. C. W. Fairbanks, \$10; Mrs. A. W. Patterson, \$10. Total, \$579.92.

To King Home.—Delaware: Asbury, \$10. Total, \$10.

To Stickney Home.—Delaware: William Street, \$5; a friend, \$12. Total, \$17.

To Albuquerque.—Defiance, \$50.59. Total, \$50.59.

To Pawhuska.—Defiance, \$10. Total, \$10.

To Navajoes.—De Graff, \$20. Total, \$20.

To Lucy Webb Hayes Training-school.—Bellefontaine, \$2; Findlay: First Church, \$2. Total, \$4.

To Mothers' Jewels Home.—Bowling Green, \$7.50; Delaware, William Street, \$5; Kingsley Church, \$2; Middlepoint, \$2; Rockford, \$2.65; Tinney, \$1.50. Total, \$20.65.

Total to Special Fund, \$712.16.

Grand Total, 2,380.90.

Central Pennsylvania Conference.

MRS. ELIZABETH HEIKEL, Treasurer, 147 N. Thirteenth Street, Harrisburg, Pa.

To General Fund.—ALTOONA DISTRICT.—Altoona, \$41.25; Bellefonte, \$14.50; Houtzdale, \$15.75; Tyrone, \$8.50. Total, \$80.

DANVILLE DISTRICT.—Berwick, \$21.25; Hazleton, \$7.50; Shamokin, \$18; self-denial, \$7; Sunbury, \$19.65. Total, \$73.40.

HARRISBURG DISTRICT.—Carlisle, \$21.25; Chambersburg, \$28; Harrisburg: Grace, \$90.50; Ridge Avenue, \$18.75; New Cumberland, Mission Circle, \$8.50; Shippensburg, \$0.50. Total, \$167.50.

JUNIATA DISTRICT.—Mt. Union, \$11.50. Total, \$11.50.

WILLIAMSPORT DISTRICT.—Jersey Shore, \$5.50; Y. L. C., \$6.25; Lock Haven, \$16.50; Milton, \$16.50; Montoursville, \$11; Williamsport: Grace, \$13.50; Mission Circle, \$1.75; Mulberry Street, \$43.75; Mission Circle, \$12; Pine Street, \$33.25. Total, \$160.

FROM MITE-BOXES.—Altoona, \$5.57; Bellefonte, \$3.80; Berwick, \$0.26; Carlisle, \$5.76; Chambersburg, \$2; Harrisburg: Grace, \$10.50; Ridge, \$1.64; Band, \$3.02; Jersey Shore, \$16; Lock Haven, \$6; Milton, \$1.34; New Cumberland, \$3.50; Royer, \$2.84; Sunbury, \$4.94; Williamsport: Grace \$2; Mulberry Street, \$7.50; Pine Street, \$2.20. Total, \$78.87.

Of this amount, \$25 is for support of Florence Loar in Mothers' Jewels Home, and \$10 toward the A. R. Clark room.

TO MISS MITCHELL'S SALARY.—Altoona, \$5; Chambersburg, \$10; Harrisburg: Grace, \$20; Berwick, \$5; Hazleton, \$5; Jersey Shore, \$5; Houtzdale, \$3.25; Williamsport: Mulberry Street, \$5; toward life member, \$15; New Cumberland, \$5; Shamokin, \$5. Total, \$83.25.

Total to General Fund, \$619.52.

To Beneficiary Fund.—*To Mothers' Jewels Home.*—From mite-boxes for Florence Loar, \$25. Total, \$25.

To King Home.—Williamsport, Y. L. C., \$5; toward life member, \$5; Total, \$10.

Total to Beneficiary Fund, \$35.

To Special Fund.—*To Mothers' Jewels Home.*—Williamsport: Mulberry Street, \$2.50; Harrisburg: Grace, \$8.50; to name a window for Alfred Cookman Haverstack, \$10; Thirteenth Street, \$6; Sunbury, \$4.40; Jersey Shore, \$0.50; Mt. Union, \$1.60; from mite-boxes toward A. R. Clark room, \$10; Carlisle, \$5.40; Shamokin, \$1. Total, \$49.90.

To Ritter Home.—Carlisle, \$5; Milton, \$10; Sunbury, \$10; Harrisburg, \$5; to name a window, \$10; Williamsport: Grace, \$5; toward a life member, \$15. Total, \$60.

To Lucy Webb Hayes Training-school.—Carlisle, \$1; Harrisburg: Ridge Mission Band, \$5; Williamsport: Pine Street, \$1; Mulberry Street, \$1. Total, \$8.

To Simpson Home.—Carlisle: Allison Memorial Church, \$.8. Total, \$.8.

Total to Special Fund, \$125.90.

Grand Total, 780.42.

Cincinnati Conference.

MRS. JAMES DALE, Treasurer, Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, Ohio.

To General Fund.—CINCINNATI DISTRICT.—Carthage, \$49.90; Cincinnati: Asbury, \$33.60; Avondale, \$78.44; Christie, \$58; Ivanhoe, \$26.50; Mt. Auburn, \$27.25; St. Paul, \$29; Trinity, \$53.65; Walnut Hills, \$65; Circle, \$54.50; Winton Place, \$26; York Street, \$18; Delhi, \$16; Hartwell, \$28; Mt. Lookout, \$35.20; Norwood, \$11.25 Pleasant Ridge, \$12.50; Red Bank, \$20. Total, \$642.79.

DAYTON DISTRICT.—Brookville, \$11.13; Circle, \$7.25; Dayton: Broadway, \$15; Grace, \$29; Raper, \$90.25; St. Paul's, \$18.95; Band, \$1.40; Eaton, \$10; Middletown, \$20.30; Miamisburg, \$16.08; Piqua: Greene Street, \$20; Troy: Mulberry, \$15.60. Total, \$254.96.

HILLSBORO DISTRICT.—Donnelsville, \$6.75; Hillsboro, \$34.25; Leesburg, \$4; Eaton, \$4; Springboro, \$10.42. Total, \$59.42.

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.—Mechanicsburg, \$12.25; Piqua: Grace, \$3; Springfield: Central, \$17; First Church, \$6; Grace, \$24.85; Band, \$2.50; High Street, \$41; St. Paul, \$44.90; Troy: Mulberry Street, \$28.50; Urbana: First Church, \$12; Xenia: First Church, \$46.75; Band, \$1.50; Trinity, \$25.50. Total, \$265.75.

Total to General Fund, \$1,222.92.

To Beneficiary Fund.—To Simpson Home.—Dayton: Grace Church, \$10; Raper, \$5; for Belle Henderson, \$30. Total, \$45.

To Speedwell.—Avondale, \$10. Total, \$10.

Total to Beneficiary Fund, \$55.

To Special Fund.—To Glenn Home.—To Building Fund.—Christie, \$21; St. Paul \$500; Trinity, \$8; Brookville, \$5; Dayton: Raper, \$5; Delhi, \$5; Miamisburg, \$9.75; Springfield: St. Paul, \$5; Walnut Hills, \$97.20; Avondale, \$2; Mechanicsburg, \$1; Pleasant Ridge, \$10. Total, \$668.95.

To Current Expenses.—Avondale, \$56; St. Paul, \$53; Band, \$26.10; Trinity, \$71; Christie, \$21.16; Walnut Hills, \$113; V. L. C., \$10; Band, \$15; York Street, \$12.50; Dayton: Raper, \$10; Greenville, \$8.80; Ivanhoe, \$5.08; Leesburg, \$5; Band, \$5; Brookville, \$1.60; Carthage, \$6; Piqua: Greene Street, \$20; Urbana: First Church, \$30; Winton Place, \$9.50; Westwood, E. L., \$3. Total, \$481.74.

Home Luncheon.—Asbury, \$56.16; Avondale, \$88.80; St. Paul, \$117.50. Total, \$262.46.

To School of Domestic Science.—Cincinnati: St. Paul, \$1,362.53. Total, \$1,362.53.

To Mothers' Jewels Home.—Avondale, \$13.05; Christie, \$2; Trinity, \$0.40; Dayton: Raper, \$5; St. Paul, \$9; Middletown, \$1.70; Ivanhoe, \$1.60; Red Bank, \$2.50; Springfield: High Street, \$3; to Clark Room, \$0.25; St. Paul, \$0.30; Pleasant Ridge, \$3.80; Urbana: First Church, \$0.65; Walnut Hills (to Wright Goodwin Room), \$100; Winton Place, \$0.10; Carthage, \$1.80. Total, \$145.15.

To Simpson Home.—Springfield: Central Church (for Miss Penfield), \$10; Eaton, \$2. Total, \$12.

To Speedwell.—Avondale, \$1. Total, \$1.

To Pawnee Mission.—Dayton: Grace Church, \$20. Total, \$20.

To a Home (name not given), to name a room "Cincinnati," Trinity, \$90. Total, \$90.

Total to Special Fund, \$3,033.83.

Grand Total, 4,311.75.

Colorado Conference.

MRS. H. C. KING, Treasurer, Denver, Colo.

To General Fund.—DENVER DISTRICT.—Denver: Christ Church, \$40.30; Mission Band, \$7.52; Fifth Avenue, \$11.60; Grant Avenue, \$9.12; Grace, \$25; Simpson, \$3.25; Trinity, \$61; mite-box, \$1.25. Total, \$159.04.

GREELEY DISTRICT.—Boulder, \$6.90; Greeley, \$6.75; Wheat Ridge, \$7. Total, \$20.65.

GUNNISON DISTRICT.—Salida, \$5. Total, \$5.

PUEBLO DISTRICT.—Canyon City: Willing Workers, \$2.25; Colorado Springs, \$27.50; Mission Circle, \$11.50; Florence, \$5; Pueblo: Broadway, \$21; First Church, \$8. Total, \$75.25.

Total to General Fund, \$259.94.

To Beneficiary Fund.—*To Mothers' Jewels Home.*—Denver (for support of Rosa Mitchell), \$24.10. Total, \$24.10.

Total to Beneficiary Fund, \$24.10.

To Special Fund.—*To Albuquerque Home*—(Building Fund.)—Pueblo: Broadway, \$6.45; Denver: Christ Church, \$6.70; Simpson, \$6.57; Trinity, \$8.70, Colorado Springs, \$9.15; Canyon City: Mission Band, \$5; Boulder, \$12.25. Total, \$54.82.

To Mothers' Jewels Home—Denver: Asbury, \$3.30; Christ Church, \$3; "Queen Esthers," \$2; First Church, \$0.50; Trinity, \$3.60; Colorado Springs, \$0.85; Greeley, \$6.35; Grace, \$90; Georgetown, \$1; Pueblo; Broadway, \$1.20. Total, \$22.70.

Total to Special Fund, \$77.52.

Grand Total, 361.56.

Columbia River Conference.

MRS. L. A. BROWN, Secretary and Treasurer, Lewiston, Idaho.

To General Fund.—SPOKANE DISTRICT.—Moscow, \$7.25; Granville, \$1. Total, \$8.25.

WALLA WALLA DISTRICT—Milton, \$5.25; Walla Walla, \$5. Total, \$10.25.

Total to General Fund, \$18.50.

Des Moines Conference.

MRS. E. M. HOLMES, Treasurer, Boone, Iowa.

To General Fund.—DES MOINES DISTRICT.—Des Moines: First Church, \$9.50; T. O., \$17.75; Osceola, \$1.50. Total, \$28.75.

BOONE DISTRICT.—Carroll, \$12; Elliott, \$5.60. Total, \$17.60.

Total to General Fund, \$46.35.

Detroit Conference.

MRS. C. H. MORGAN, Treasurer, Howell, Mich.

To General Fund.—REPORTED BY DISTRICTS.—Adrian, \$217.65; Bay City, \$200.60; Detroit, \$506.10; Flint, \$210.28; Port Huron, \$59.50; Marquette, \$5.75; Lake Superior, \$3; Saginaw, \$108.56; Detroit: Cass Avenue, \$2; Central Avenue, \$2; Simpson, \$27; Special General, Pontiac, \$2; West Bloomfield, \$2; Ypsilanti, \$2. Total, \$1,348.44.

Total to General Fund, \$1,348.44.

To Beneficiary Fund.—*To Ritter Home.*—Detroit: Cass Avenue, \$30.
 Total, \$30.
To Speedwell.—Flint: Court Street, \$6.65. Total, \$6.65.
To Asheville.—Flushing, \$7. Total, \$7.
 Total to Beneficiary Fund, \$43.65.

To Special Fund.—*To Ritter Home.*—Detroit: Cass Avenue, \$10.
 Total, \$10.
To Mothers' Jewels Home.—Detroit: Cass Avenue, \$6; Simpson, \$1.80.
 Total, \$7.80.
To Building Fund.—Howell, 70 cents; Plymouth, 60 cents; Preston, \$7.
 Total, \$8.30.
To Bohemian Mission.—Owosso, \$5; Ridgeway Band, \$6.70.
 Total, \$11.70.

To Deaconess Work.—Arnold, \$6.45; Detroit: Cass Avenue, \$130; Central, \$2.50; Simpson, \$102; Preston, \$40; Pontiac, \$5. Total, \$285.95.

To Loan Library.—Adrian, \$10; Ann Arbor, \$5.09; Au Sable, \$2; Detroit: Cass Avenue, \$10; Central, \$7; Simpson, \$15; Dauville, \$1; Flint: Court Street, \$2; Y. L. C., 50 cents; Flushing, \$1.50; Milford, \$5; Preston, \$2.35; Pontiac, \$3; Rollin Center, \$2.50; Vassar, \$1.30. Total, \$68.24.

To Frontier Work.—Adrian, \$20.85; Ann Arbor, \$64; Alpina, \$13.58; Bay City, \$40.15; Mission Circle, \$10.43; Madison Avenue, \$34.53; Fremont Avenue, \$7; Burton, \$4.85; Blissfield, \$6.54; Corunna, \$8.83; Cheboygan, \$10; Clinton, \$9.40; Dauville, \$9.50; Detroit: Cass Avenue, \$64.55; Central, \$34.80; Simpson, \$37.28; Deerfield, \$18.82; Bennington, \$42.96; Flint: Court Street, \$10.16; Flushing, \$18.83; Fowlerville, \$9.50; Gaines, \$26.48; Grand Blanc, \$14; Howell, \$6; Holley, \$3.75; Hudson, \$5; Morenci, \$9.46; Mt. Morris, \$5.60; Marquette, \$20; Orion, \$33.25; Owosso, \$29.80; Preston, \$38.09; Plymouth, \$18.52; Pontiac, \$29.35; Ridgeway, \$14.50; Rollin Center, \$20; Saginaw: Jefferson Street, \$12.10; Mission Band, \$8.04; Sharon, \$5; Tabernacle, \$20.40; Vernon, \$8; West Bay City, \$5; West Bloomfield, \$34.33; Weston, \$9; Wyandotte, \$12.15. Total, \$863.88.

Disbursed in Districts.—Adrian, \$39.58; Bay City, \$312; Flint, \$77.36; Marquette, \$243; Lake Superior, \$69; Port Huron, \$284.92; Saginaw, \$197. Total, \$1,222.86.

Total to Special Fund, \$2,437.44.
 Grand total, \$3,829.53.

East Maine Conference.

MRS. B. C. WENTWORTH, Treasurer, Dexter, Maine.

To General Fund.—Dexter, \$7; Conference collection, \$11.75.
 Total, \$18.75.
 Total to General Fund, \$18.75.

East Ohio Conference.

MRS. E. K. ARTER, Treasurer, 1922 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

To General Fund.—AKRON DISTRICT.—Akron, \$153.80; Special General, \$42.89; Mission Circle, \$10.25; Bristolville, \$13.90; Warren, \$9.75. Total, \$230.59.

BARNESVILLE DISTRICT.—Barnesville, \$6.50; Bellaire, \$9.50. Total, \$16.

CAMBRIDGE District.—Cambridge, \$8.25; Queen Esther Circle, \$3.28; Dexter City, \$1.45; Mt. Ephraim, \$2.11. Total, \$15.09.

CANTON DISTRICT.—Alliance, \$18.25; Salem, \$6.75; Mission Circle, \$9.50. Total, \$34.50.

CLEVELAND DISTRICT.—Cleveland: Asbury, \$25; Epworth Memorial,

\$30; Euclid Avenue, \$10; Fairmount, \$14; First Church, \$32.50; mite-boxes, \$30.17; Grace Church, \$6; Wilson Avenue, \$27.75; Woodland Avenue, \$3.75; Geneva: First Church, \$15.50; Special General, \$20; Glenville, \$1; Madison, \$2; Mayfield, \$8; North Madison, \$5.60; Painesville, \$24.50; Perry, \$14.50. Total, \$270.27.

NEW PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.—Coshocton, \$15; Uhrichsville, \$10.25. Total, \$25.25.

STEUBENVILLE DISTRICT.—Martin's Ferry, \$21; Centre Chapel, \$6.85; Steubenville: First Church, \$15.75; Hamline, \$24.28; Mingo Junction, \$6.65; Wellsville, \$35.50. Total, \$110.13.

YOUNGSTOWN DISTRICT.—Cortland, \$19; Clark's Corner, \$4.50; Dexter City, \$6.25; Dorset, \$13.50; Greensburg, \$16; Jefferson, \$16.70; Mission Circle, 50 cents; Kingsville, \$8; Mesopotamia, \$4; West Mecca, \$5.75; other sources, \$4.60. Total, \$98.80.

TO MISS ELLIOTT'S SALARY.—Alliance, \$5; Canton, First Church, \$40; Dexter City, \$10.60; Jefferson, \$3; Martin's Ferry, \$9.50; Perry, \$10; Painesville, \$15; Cambridge, \$5.65; Cleveland, First Church, \$25; Warren, \$25; Wellsville, \$20. Total, \$168.75.

Total to General Fund, \$969.38.

TO BENEFICIARY FUND.—To Ritter Home.—Canton: First Church, \$40; Geneva: First Church, \$2. Total, \$42.

To Stickney Home.—Akron: First Church, \$40. Total, \$40.

Total to Beneficiary Fund, \$82.

TO SPECIAL FUND.—To Ritter Home.—Cambridge, \$37; Geneva: First Church, \$5; Mt. Ephraim, \$3.25; Wellsville Mission Circle, \$20. Total, \$65.25.

To Peck Home.—Cleveland: First Church, \$16.50. Total, \$16.50.

To Mothers' Jewels Home.—Akron: First Church, 60 cents; Mission Circle, 70 cents; Bellaire, \$9; Epworth Memorial, \$1.20; Cambridge, 75 cents. Total, \$12.25.

To Deaconess Home, Cleveland.—Akron: First Church, \$12.25; Cleveland: Epworth Memorial, \$183.90; Euclid Avenue, \$22; Asbury, \$10; First Church, \$116.50; Woodland Avenue, \$7.50; Wilson Avenue, \$18.50; Grace, \$6.00; Cambridge, \$5.65; Dexter City, \$10.60; Macksburg, \$8; Kingsville, \$4.50; a friend, \$1; Miss Jones, \$10; Barnesville District Convention, \$9.87; Youngstown District Convention, \$11.25. Total, \$437.52.

Total to Special Fund, \$531.52.

Grand total, 1,582.90.

East Tennessee Conference.

MRS. CORA PROVINE, Secretary and Treasurer, Cleveland, Tenn.

TO GENERAL FUND.—KNOXVILLE DISTRICT.—Boyd Chapel, \$2.75; Mission Band, 60 cents; Circle, 75 cents; Cleveland, \$33.75; Knoxville, \$10.25; Young Ladies' Circle, \$8.75; Mabry Street, \$1. Total, \$57.85.

Total to General Fund, \$57.85.

Erie Conference.

MRS. F. H. BECK, Treasurer, Brookville, Pa.

TO GENERAL FUND.—CLARION DISTRICT.—Brockwayville, \$7.25; Brookville, \$28.15; Mission Circle, \$10.65; Special General Fund, \$10; Clarion, \$18; Special General, \$20; self-denial offering, \$8.50; East Brady, \$10; Special General, \$6; Pageville, \$8; Reynoldsville, \$9; Special General, \$4; Knox, \$4. Total, \$143.55.

ERIE DISTRICT.—Brocton, \$11; Chautauqua, \$10; East Springfield, \$3.45; Erie, First Church, \$37; Forestville, \$5.75; Fredonia, \$20.50; mite-boxes, 69 cents; Special General (to make Mrs. J. B. Espy life member), \$20; Mission Band, \$8.50; Girard, \$5.32; Maysville, \$11.25; Special General, \$3.50; Northeast, \$17.25; Special General (toward a life member), \$10; Portland, \$10.25; Ripley, \$4.75; Silver Creek, \$16; Special General, \$10; Waterford, \$6.75; Special General, \$3.50; Westfield, \$6.50. Total, \$231.96.

FRANKLIN DISTRICT.—Franklin, \$34.75; Oil City: Grace Memorial, \$11.75; Special General, \$10.50; Trinity, \$21; Petrolia, \$22.25; Reno, \$1; Band, \$1; Tidioute, \$21.50; Juvenile Band, 70 cents; Tionesta, \$6.75; Special General, \$4; Titusville, \$34.75; Special General (toward making Mrs. S. E. Grosbeck and Mrs. S. E. Lusher life members), \$18.64; mite-boxes, toward same, \$10.86; Mission Circle, 80 cents; Polk, \$1.50. Total, \$201.75.

JAMESTOWN DISTRICT.—Bear Lake, \$4.75; East Randolph, \$11.50; Special General, \$2.79; Jamestown, \$36.50; Kane, \$13.35; Special General, \$5; Panama, \$8; Special General, \$3; Mission Circle, \$1; Randolph, \$5; Irvine, \$4.75; Warren, \$10.50; Special General, \$25; for life members, Mrs. G. H. Humason and Mrs. J. A. Kummer, \$40; mite-box, 46 cents. Total, \$201.60.

MEADVILLE DISTRICT.—Cambridge, \$23; Conneautville, \$7; Espyville, \$3.35; Special General, \$3.93; Greenville, \$27.50; Meadville, \$31; Pageville Mission Band, \$1.50; Union City, \$20.90; Special General, \$5.50; Woodcock, \$11.50; Mill Village Mission Circle, \$4.75; Special General, \$3. Total, \$142.93.

NEW CASTLE DISTRICT.—Balm, \$5.75; Special General, \$3; Fredonia, \$4; Grove City, \$13.90; Hillsville, \$5.50; London, \$1.25; Mount Pleasant, \$2.75; Nazareth, \$4; New Castle: First Church, \$20.25. Total, \$60.40

Total to General Fund, \$982.19.

To Beneficiary Fund.—*To Ritter Home*.—Reynoldsville (for Emma Scott), \$5; Titusville Circle, \$10; Union City Boys' Band (to support Nora Morris), \$20. Total, \$35.

To Stickney Home.—Arnold, \$2; from Mrs. Parker and Mrs. Siggins, \$10; Brocton, \$10; Chautauqua, \$10; Fredonia, \$10; Mission Circle, \$2; Jamestown (for Erie McCabe), \$6; Kane, \$10; Warren, \$10; Brookville Circle, \$2.80; Oil City, \$10. Total, \$82.80.

To Mothers' Jewels Home.—Oil City (for Maude Truelove), \$50. Total, \$50.

Total to Beneficiary Fund, \$167.80.

To Special Fund.—*To Mothers' Jewels Home*.—Clarion, \$14; Jamestown, \$5.10; Conference and District Officers (for kindergarten building), \$10. Total, \$29.10.

To Ritter Home.—New Castle, First Church, \$20. Total, \$20.

To Frontier Sufferers.—Panama, \$100. Total, \$100.

Total to Special Fund, \$149.10.

Grand total, 1,299.09.

Florida Conference.

MRS. W. J. SALMOND, Treasurer, Jacksonville, Fla.

To General Fund.—GAINESVILLE DISTRICT.—Gordon, \$1; Hampton, \$6.98; New River, \$1.18; Waldo, \$5. Total, \$14.16.

JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT.—Ebenezer, \$14.70; Fernandina, \$1.50; King Ferry, \$1; St. Augustine, \$13.50; Simpson Chapel, \$2.45; Wrightsville, \$5.25. Total, \$38.40.

PALATKA DISTRICT.—Palatka, \$1.50. Total, \$1.50.

Boylan Home, \$1.60; Conference collection, \$16; Mrs. L. H. Armstrong, \$25. Total, \$42.60.

Total to General Fund, \$96.66.

To Special Fund.—*To Alaska.*—St. Nicholas, Mrs. L. H. Armstrong, \$25.
Total, \$25.
Total to Special Fund, \$25.00.
Grand total, 121.66.

Genesee Conference.

MRS. E. OCUMPAUGH, Treasurer, Rochester, N. Y.

To General Fund.—*BUFFALO DISTRICT.*—Buffalo: Asbury, \$39.50; Mission Circle, \$2.50; Delaware Avenue, \$57; Y. L. C., \$27; Glenwood, \$20; mite-box, \$1.25; Kenmore, \$6; Plymouth, \$54.35; Richmond, \$63.50; Riverside, \$32.75; Sentinel, \$6; mite-boxes, \$3.17; Seneca Street, \$27.30; mite-boxes, \$2.30; St. Mark's, \$8.50; Mission Circle, \$10; Tonawanda, \$31.75; mite-boxes, \$5. Total, \$397.87.

CORNING DISTRICT.—Addison, \$6.74; Bath, \$14.25; Canisteo, \$23.25; Corning, \$42.59; mite-boxes, \$7.25; Hornellsville, \$36; Special General Fund, \$30. Total, \$160.68.

GENESEE DISTRICT.—Batavia, \$60; T. O., \$5.40; Danville, \$2.75; Genesee, \$20.25; T. O., \$3; Le Roy, \$29.20; Mission Circle, \$15.49; Scottsville, \$14; Warsaw, \$7.50. Total, \$157.59.

NIAGARA DISTRICT.—Albion, \$24; Mission Circle, \$1; Special General, \$10; Brockport, \$15; Holley, \$5; T. O., \$2; Lockport, \$9. Total, \$66.

OLEAN DISTRICT.—Bradford, \$6; Bolivar, \$3; Olean, \$30.75; Mission Band, \$1.36; mite-boxes, \$2.28; Portville, \$6.50; Mission Circle, \$4.75; Pleasant Valley, \$5.25; mite-box, \$1. Total, \$60.89.

ROCHESTER DISTRICT.—Honeoye Falls, \$18; Lima, \$19; Livonia, \$16; Rochester: Asbury, \$63; Special General, \$32; life member, \$20; Cornhill, \$28; Epworth, \$26.80; Frank Street, \$42.50; Mission Band, \$3.50; Special General, \$10; First Church, \$41.50; Special General, \$49; T. O., \$7.08; Glenwood, \$23.25; toward life member, \$5; Special General, \$18; Monroe Avenue, \$14.50; T. O., \$5; North Avenue, \$12.50; Walworth, \$8.50. Total, \$463.13.

Conference collections, \$30.

Total, \$30.00.

Total to General Fund, \$1,335.56.

To Beneficiary Fund.—*To King Home.*—Rochester: Frank Street (for the McCurly sisters), \$10; Mission Band, \$5. Total, \$15.

To Haven Home.—Buffalo: Delaware Avenue, \$60. Total, \$60.

To Thayer Home.—Delaware Avenue Y. L. C., \$20. Total, \$20.

To Ritter Home.—Delaware Avenue Y. L. C., \$40. Total, \$40.

To Lucy Webb Hayes Home.—Richmond Avenue Y. L. C., \$25. Total, \$25.

Total to Beneficiary Fund, \$160.

To Special Fund.—*To Mothers' Jewels Home.*—Buffalo: Glenwood, \$2.70; Plymouth, \$4.40; Monroe Avenue Mission Band, 50 cents; Rochester: Asbury, \$3.10; Band, 80 cents; Livonia, 20 cents; First Church "Light Bearers" (to name a room), \$43.02; Richmond Avenue, \$2.20. Total, \$56.92.

To Ritter Home.—Rochester: Asbury, \$25. Total, \$25.

To Lucy Webb Hayes Home.—Buffalo: Asbury, \$5; Rochester: Asbury, \$10. Total, \$15.

To Asheville.—Rochester: Cornhill, \$16.45; Band, \$1.05. Total, \$17.50.

To King Home.—To Miss Bushroe, Glenwood, \$6. Total, \$6.

To Peck Home.—Hornellsville, \$5; Rochester: First Church, \$10. Total, \$15.

To Bohemian Mission, Chicago.—Rochester: Asbury, \$10; Buffalo: Plymouth, \$5; Le Roy, \$5. Total, \$20.

To Immigrant Girls' Home, New York.—Brockport, \$4. Total, \$4.

<i>To Speedwell.</i> —Honeoye Falls, \$4.	Total, \$4.
<i>To Deaconess Work.</i> —Buffalo: Asbury, \$65.17; Delaware Avenue, \$310.35; Y. L. C., \$30; Glenwood, \$23.85; Plymouth, \$60; Richmond Avenue, \$110; Honeoye Falls, \$5; Riverside, \$25.20; Seneca Street, \$4.25; Tonawanda, \$1; Le Roy, \$5; received without special credits, \$419.33.	
	Total, \$1,059.15.
Total to Special Fund,	\$1,222.57.
Grand total,	2,718.33.

Holston Conference.

MRS. A. A. HEAP, Treasurer, 410 Highland Street, Knoxville, Tenn.

To General Fund. —CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT.—Knoxville: First Church, \$16.50; Y. L. C., \$8.75; Second Church, \$3.	Total, \$28.25.
Total to General Fund,	\$28.25.

Illinois Conference.

MISS LILLIE HEATH, Treasurer, 311 West Washington St., Champaign, Ill.

To General Fund. —BLOOMINGTON DISTRICT.—Bloomington: First Church, \$21; Grace Church, \$11; Le Roy, \$20; Lincoln, \$16.50. Total, \$68.50.	
CHAMPAIGN DISTRICT.—Champaign, \$11.10; Saybrook, \$16.45; Savoy, \$10.50; Urbana, \$12.50.	Total, \$50.55.
DECATUR DISTRICT.—Decatur: First Church, \$15.79; Grace, \$16.75.	Total, \$32.54
JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT.—Greenfield, \$19.25; Jacksonville: Centenary \$6.75; Grace, \$13; mite-box, \$0.85; self-denial, \$5.65.	Total, \$45.50.
MATTOON DISTRICT.—Paris: North Avenue, \$6.	Total, \$6
SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.—Carlinville, \$20.	Total, \$20
Total to General Fund,	\$223.09

To Beneficiary Fund. — <i>To E. L. Rust Home.</i> —Bloomington: Grace, Band, \$12; Jacksonville: Grace, \$4.35.	Total, \$16.35.
Total to Beneficiary Fund,	\$16.35.

To Special Fund. — <i>To Mothers' Jewels Home.</i> —Greenfield, \$20.	Total, \$20.
<i>To E. L. Rust Home.</i> —Bloomington: First Church, toward making life member, \$10; Saybrook, \$3; Savoy, \$1.13.	Total, \$14.13.

<i>To New Mexico.</i> —Bloomington: First Church, to make life member, \$20; Saybrook, \$3; Savoy, \$1.73; Jacksonville: Grace Church, \$5.	Total, \$29.73.
<i>To Immigrant Girls' Home, New York.</i> —Jacksonville: Grace, \$5; Bloomington: First Church, toward making life member, \$10; Saybrook, \$3; Decatur: Grace, \$10.	Total, \$28.

<i>To Bohemian Work, Chicago.</i> —Bloomington: First Church, to make life member, \$20; Champaign, \$10.50; Greenfield, \$5; Jacksonville: Grace, \$9; Saybrook, \$3.	Total, \$47.50.
Total to Special Fund,	\$139.36.
Grand Total,	378.80.

Indiana Conference.

MRS. L. CAREY, Treasurer.

To General Fund. —INDIANAPOLIS DISTRICT.—Indianapolis, \$9.50; Mooresville, \$17.50.	Total, \$27.
Total to General Fund,	\$27.

To Beneficiary Fund.—To Ritter Home.—Hall Place, \$32.

Total, \$32.

Total to Beneficiary Fund, \$32.

To Special Fund.—To Ritter Home.—Indianapolis: Hall Place, \$17.

Total, \$17.

Total to Special Fund, \$17.

Grand total, 76.

Iowa Conference.

MRS. W. L. SAMSON, Treasurer, 1000 S. 9th St., Burlington, Iowa.

To General Fund.—BURLINGTON DISTRICT.—Burlington: First Church, \$11; Grace, \$3.50; Mt. Pleasant, \$20.

Total, \$34.50.

MUSCATINE DISTRICT.—Milton Junction, \$15; Muscatine, \$7; Washington, \$6.20; to make Mrs. Wilson life member, \$20.

Total, \$48.20.

OSKALOOSA DISTRICT.—Grinnell, \$9; Oskaloosa: Simpson Church, \$7.

Total, \$16.

OTTUMWA DISTRICT.—Albia, \$6.50; Knoxville, \$7.25; Ottumwa: Main Street Church, \$1.75.

Total, \$15.50.

Total to General Fund, \$114.20.

To Special Fund.—Mothers' Jewels.—Brooklyn, \$4; Fort Madison: First Church, E. L., \$4.25.

Total, \$8.25.

To Stickney Home.—Burlington: First Church, \$20: Grace, \$8.15.

Total, \$28.15.

Total to Special Fund, \$36.40.

Grand total, 150.60.

Kansas Conference.

MRS. ELLA FISK, Treasurer, 319 Atchison Street, Atchison, Kansas.

To General Fund.—ATCHISON DISTRICT.—Atchison, \$23.40; mite-boxes, \$6.69; Valley Falls, \$5.

Total, \$35.09.

JUNCTION CITY DISTRICT.—Herrington, \$1.25.

Total, \$1.25.

LEAVENWORTH DISTRICT.—Kansas City, \$18; Kansas Avenue, \$3.50; T. O., \$1.20.

Total, \$22.70.

MANHATTAN DISTRICT.—Alma, \$4.75; Axtel, \$1; Buck's Grove, \$13.50; Centralia, \$15.75; Haversville, \$9; Manhattan, \$13.85; self-denial, \$0.32.

Total, \$58.17.

TOPEKA DISTRICT.—Burlingame, \$6.50; Topeka: First Church, \$9.50; Lowman Hill, \$25.95; T. O., \$5.25; Jefferson Street Mission, \$6.80.

Total, \$54.

Total to General Fund, \$171.21.

To Special Fund.—To Mothers' Jewels Home.—Atchison, \$3; Baldwin, \$5; Olive Butcher (to memorial window), \$10.

Total, \$18.

To Albuquerque.—Buck's Grove (to name a room), \$20; Topeka: Jefferson Street, \$30.50.

Total, \$50.50.

Total to Special Fund, \$68.50.

Grand total, 239.71.

Kentucky Conference.

MRS. KATE L. CLARK.

To General Fund.—Lexington: Centenary Church, \$20.25.

Total, \$20.25.

Total to General Fund, \$20.25.

Lexington Conference.

MRS. D. C. FROST, Treasurer, 82 West High Street, Lexington, Kentucky.

To General Fund.—Lexington: Centenary Church, \$4.25. Total, \$4.25.
Total to General Fund, \$4.25.

Little Rock Conference.

MRS. E. L. JOHNSON, Treasurer, Little Rock, Ark.

To General Fund.—LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT.—Little Rock: Wesley Chapel, \$2.25; White Chapel, \$0.50; Mrs. Curtis, \$1. Total, \$3.75.
PINE BLUFF DISTRICT.—Risen, \$7. Total, \$7.
Received at Conference without special credits, \$20.95. Total, \$20.95.
Total to General Fund, \$31.70.

Louisiana Conference.

To General Fund.—Received from Conference without special credits, \$39. Total, \$39.
Total to General Fund, \$39.

Maine Conference.

MRS. I. LUCE, Treasurer, 13 Carroll Street, Portland, Me.

To General Fund.—AUGUSTA DISTRICT.—Augusta, \$13; Green Street, \$4.75; Farmington, \$7; Fairfield, \$1; Hallowell, \$11.25; Industry and Stark, \$1; Kent's Hill, \$19.60; Madison, \$4; New Sharon, \$2; Oakland and Sidney, \$1; Skowhegan, \$8.75; Sowemore and Hatfield, \$2; Solon and Bingham, \$5; Strong, \$1; Wilton, \$13; Winthrop, Mrs. Allen, \$5; Phillips, \$1. Total, \$100.35.

LEWISTON DISTRICT.—Andona, \$3; Bath: Beacon Street, \$9; Wesley Church, \$27.86; Baldwin and Hiram, \$1; Berlin, \$4; Bethel, \$5; East North Yarmouth, \$1; Lewiston: Hammond Street, \$8; Park Street, \$11; Mechanic Falls, \$6.60; Lisbon Falls, \$4; South Waterford, \$3; Turner and Buckfield, \$1; West Durham and Powell, \$3. Total, \$87.46.

PORTLAND DISTRICT.—Cornish, \$5; Gorham, \$6; North Street, \$1; Kennebunk, \$4.50; Maryland Ridge, \$3; Old Orchard, \$7; Portland: Congress Street, \$28; Chestnut Street, \$92.50; Pine Street, \$16; South Elliott and Kelly, \$3; Saco, \$24; South Portland, \$1; Sanford, \$1; West Scarborough, \$2; West Kennebunk, \$2; Woodfords, Clark Memorial, \$12. Total, \$208.

Bequest of Caroline L. Bowers, \$370.54. Total, \$370.54.
Total to General Fund, \$766.35.

To Beneficiary Fund.—*To Thayer Home.*—Portland: Congress Street (to support Mary Cothren), \$22.10. Total, \$22.10.

Total to Beneficiary Fund, \$22.10.

To Special Fund.—Portland: Chestnut Street, Y. L. C., \$5. Total, \$5.
To Stickney Home.—Lewiston: Park Street, \$3. Total, \$3.

<i>To Immigrants' Home, Boston.</i> —Conway, \$5.	Total, \$5.
<i>To Mothers' Jewels Home.</i> —Kennebunk, \$0.50; Saco, \$40. Total, \$40.50.	
Total to Special Fund,	\$53.50.
Grand total,	\$41.95.

Michigan Conference.

MRS. J. G. PLOWMAN, Treasurer, White Pigeon, Mich.

To General Fund.—ALBION DISTRICT.—Albion, \$64.50; mite-boxes, \$11.52; Battle Creek, \$16.75; Bellevue, \$18.87; mite-boxes, \$1.40; East Leroy, \$9.65; Homer, \$27.46; Juvenile Band, \$2.70; mite-boxes, \$3.41; Jackson, \$29; mite-jugs, \$2.84; Kalamo, \$8.75. Total, \$196.85.

BIG RAPIDS DISTRICT.—Big Rapids, \$11.25; Manistee, \$19; self-denial, \$7.57. Total, \$37.82.

COLDWATER DISTRICT.—Coldwater, \$11.25; mite-boxes, \$5.28; toward making life-member, \$7.50; Quincy, \$10.50; Union City, \$10.35; White Pigeon, \$12.85. Total, \$57.73.

GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT.—Grand Rapids: Ames Church, \$9.50; Division Street, \$29; mite-boxes, \$10.37; East Street, \$13; Joy Memorial, \$18; mite-boxes, \$4.10; Plainfield Avenue, \$5.75; Second Street, \$23.14; mite-boxes, \$5.82; Hastings, \$33.25; self-denial, \$9; mite-boxes, \$5.48; Hesperia, \$1; Muskegon, \$4.50. Total, \$171.91.

IONIA DISTRICT.—Belding, \$11.50; Carson City, \$10.50; Fair Plains, \$9.25; Greenville, \$19.75; Ionia, \$18; Lowell, \$21.75; Orange, \$14.75; Portland, \$21. Total, \$126.50.

KALAMAZOO DISTRICT.—Allegan, \$6.50; mite-box, \$0.70; Cooper, collection, \$2.75; Kalamazoo: First Church, \$58; mite-boxes, \$15.43; Simpson Church, \$14; Otsego, \$12.77; mite-boxes, \$2.45; Plainwell, \$24; mite-boxes, \$2.78; Three Rivers, \$13.25; Trowbridge, \$18.34; mite-jugs, \$7.20; Vicksburg, \$8.50; mite-boxes, \$2; West Casco, \$5. Total, \$193.67.

LANSING DISTRICT.—Charlotte, \$15.75; East Victor, collection, \$12.50; Lansing: Central Church, \$10; Mason, \$23; mite-jugs, \$2; Ovid, \$15; Saint John's, \$12.50; Saint Louis, \$5. Total, \$95.75.

NILES DISTRICT.—Benton Harbor, \$16.75; mite-jugs, \$4.57; Berrien Springs, from pastor, \$5; Coulter's Chapel, \$9.25; mite-boxes, \$2.04; Niles, \$4.50; from pastor, \$5.08. Total, \$47.19.

Legacy Mrs. Vanhorn, \$250; Interest from J. G. Whitworth, \$16; sale of Annual Report, \$1.65. Total, \$267.65.

To Special General Fund.—*To Missionaries' Salaries.*—Albion, \$8; Grand Rapids: Joy Memorial, \$2; Belding, \$3; Carson City, \$3; Coldwater, \$4; Fair Plain, \$2; Greenville, \$4; Allegan, \$2; Benton Harbor, \$1.55; Kalamazoo: First Church, \$6; Ionia, \$8; Otsego, \$4; Plainville, \$3; Three Rivers, \$3; West Casco, \$2; Portland, \$4; Orange, \$2; Jackson, \$3. Total, \$64.55.

Total to General Fund, \$1,259.62.

To Beneficiary Fund.—*To Peck Home.*—Allegan, \$1; Kalamazoo, \$14; Otsego, \$4.29; Plainwell, \$2; Three Rivers, \$3; Trowbridge, \$4; Vicksburg, \$2; West Casco, \$2. Total, \$32.29.

Total to Beneficiary Fund, \$32.29.

To Special Fund.—*To Ritter Home.*—Albion, \$3; Albion District, \$1; Battle Creek, \$5; East Leroy, \$2; Jackson, \$5; Kalamo, \$2; Coldwater, \$7. Quincy, \$3; Union City, \$3; White Pigeon, \$3; Grand Rapids: Plainfield Avenue, \$2; Trowbridge, \$4; Mason, \$2. Total, \$42.

To Stickney Home.—Albion, \$5; Battle Creek, \$3; Bellevue, \$2; Coldwater, \$2.50; East Leroy, \$1; Grand Rapids: Division Street, \$4; Greenville, \$3; Benton Harbor, \$1.50; Coulter Chapel, \$2; Niles, \$2; Kalamazoo:

First Church, \$3;	Otsego, \$5;	Saint John's, \$4;	Union City, \$1;	White Pigeon, \$2.	Total, \$41.
<i>To Mothers' Jewels Home.</i> —Bellevue, \$12;	Greenville, \$17.50;	Mason, \$2;	Niles, \$5;	Kalamo, \$6.	Total, \$42.50.
<i>To Peck Home.</i> —Plainwell, \$3;	Trowbridge, \$2.	<i>To Utah.</i> —Albion, \$25.			Total, \$5.
<i>To Deaconess Work, Detroit.</i> —Bailey Church, \$1;	Grand Rapids: East Street, \$4.20;	Benton Harbor, \$2.65;	Homer, \$1.45;	Plainwell, \$1.25;	Total, \$119.58.
Three Rivers, \$11.30;	Conference Society, \$94.73.				
<i>To Deaconess Work, Grand Rapids.</i> —Albion, \$48.63;	Coldwater, \$2;	Grand Rapids: East Street, \$4.20;	Joy Memorial, \$4.43;	Hastings, \$11.35;	
Kalamazoo: First Church, \$6.75;	Saint John's, \$25.61;	White Pigeon, \$3.25;	Otsego, \$5;	Litchfield, \$6.40.	Total, \$117.62.
<i>To District Work, reported by Voucher,</i> \$236.31.					Total, \$236.31.
Total to Special Fund,					\$629.01.
Grand total,					1,920.92.

Minnesota Conference.

MRS. D. W. LONGFELLOW, Treasurer, 3112 1st Ave., S. Minneapolis, Minn.

To General Fund. —MINNEAPOLIS DISTRICT.—Minneapolis: First Church, \$7.88;	Franklin Avenue, \$19.25;	thank-offering, \$20.12;	mite-boxes, \$4.57;	Foss Church, \$9.75;	Hennepin Avenue, \$38.50;	mite-boxes, \$4.35;	Lake Street, \$6.25;	Simpson Church, \$20.48;	thank-offering, \$2.52;	Y. L. C., \$8.33;	mite-boxes, \$13.74;	Trinity, \$17.02;	Thirteenth Avenue, \$5.12;	Wesley Church, \$17.25;	Western Avenue, \$7.50;	Mankato, \$2.75.	Total, \$205.38.
SAINT PAUL DISTRICT. —Farmington, \$3.25;	Owatonna, \$13.62;	Saint Paul: First Church, \$2.50;	Hamline, \$15.76;	Winona: Central Church, \$19;	from Montana Conference, \$2.											Total, \$56.13.	
Total to General Fund,																\$261.51.	

To Beneficiary Fund. — <i>To Ritter Home.</i> —Minneapolis: Hennepin Avenue, \$1.50;	to support Florence Matney, \$40.	Total, \$41.50.
Total to Beneficiary Fund,		\$41.50.

To Special Fund. — <i>To Mothers' Jewels Home.</i> —Minneapolis, \$0.20;	Franklin Avenue, \$1;	Simpson Church, \$1.40.	Total, \$2.60.
Total to Special Fund,			\$2.60.
Grand total,			305.61.

Missouri Conference.

MRS. PRICE A. CROW, Secretary and Treasurer, Macon, Mo.

To General Fund. —HANNIBAL DISTRICT.—Brookfield, \$1.50;	Mission Band, \$0.50.	Total, \$5.
KIRKSVILLE DISTRICT.—Kirksville, \$2;	Springfield: Grace Church, \$6.	Total, \$8.
Reported to Conference without special credits, \$48.45.	Total, \$48.45.	
Total to General Fund,		\$61.45.
To Special Fund. — <i>To Ritter Home.</i> —Kirksville, \$0.90.	Total, \$0.90.	
Total to Special Fund,		\$0.90.
Grand total,		62.35.

Nebraska Conference.

MRS. F. M. ESTERBROOK, Treasurer, De Witt, Neb.

To General Fund.—BEATRICE DISTRICT.—Beatrice: Centenary, \$19.50; T. O., \$17.55; Chester: Circle, \$2.18; De Witt, \$8.75; T. O., \$3; Fairbury, \$7.25; T. O., \$5; Tobias: Circle, \$1.25; Wymore, \$11.50. Total, \$75.98.

HASTINGS DISTRICT.—Clay Center, \$9.50; T. O., \$5.02; Edgar, \$20.90; T. O., \$5; Fairfield, \$16.25; Geneva, \$7; Harvard, \$1.75; Hastings, \$5; Shickley Summit, \$5.50. Total, \$75.92.

LINCOLN DISTRICT.—Lincoln: St. Paul, \$15.95; T. O., \$25; Grace Church, \$3.50; Trinity, \$11; T. O., \$2; Valparaiso, \$10.50; a friend, \$5. Total, \$72.95.

NEBRASKA CITY DISTRICT.—Auburn: Circle, \$2.90; Bratton, \$5.25; Humboldt, \$1; Nebraska City, \$8.25; Plattsburgh, \$6.50; Peru, \$10.50; T. O., \$10.75; Syracuse, \$1.25; Table Rock, \$7.75; T. O., \$3; Tecumseh, \$7.55; Weeping Water, \$11.50. Total, \$76.20.

YORK DISTRICT.—Bellwood, \$4.50; David City, \$12.75; Thayer, \$5.25; York, \$18.85; T. O., \$25; mite-box, \$2.57; Osceola, \$16.50. Total, \$85.42.

Total to General Fund, \$386.47.

To Beneficiary Fund.—*To Mothers' Jewels Home.*—De Witt, \$5; Lincoln: St. Paul, \$9.07. Total, \$14.07.

Total to Beneficiary Fund, \$14.07.

To Special Fund.—*To Mothers' Jewels Home.*—Beatrice, \$4; Fairfield, \$3.90; Hastings, \$1.30; Humboldt, \$8; Lincoln, \$1; Peru, \$3; Tobias, \$4; Trumbull, \$4; Weeping Water, \$4.80; York, \$2. Total, \$38.

To Hospital Fund.—Lincoln: St. Paul, Circle, \$2.11; Osceola, \$3.56. Total, \$5.67.

To Building Fund.—Osceola, \$4. Total, \$4.

To Immigrants' Home, New York.—Holmesville, \$1.25. Total, \$1.25.

Total to Special Fund, \$48.92.

Grand total, 449.46.

Newark Conference.

MRS. RUTH PRUDEN, Treasurer, 238 Mulberry St., Newark, N. J.

To General Fund.—ELIZABETH DISTRICT.—Cranford, \$19; Mission Circle, \$13.75; Elizabeth: Park, \$15.30; Circle, \$31; Plainfield: First Church, \$65; Mission Circle, \$15; Grace Church, \$13; Rahway, \$3; Second Church, \$4; Westfield, \$30; Circle, \$10. Total, \$219.05.

JERSEY CITY DISTRICT.—Jersey City: Emory Church, \$5; West Side Avenue, \$12. Total, \$17.

NEWARK DISTRICT.—Bloomfield, \$14; East Orange: Calvary, \$133; Madison, \$17; Montclair, \$56; mite-box, \$1; Morristown, \$111; Circle, \$21; Newark: Centenary, \$12; Eighth Avenue, \$11.75; Central, \$35; Halsey Street, \$81; Special General, \$10; St. Luke's, \$11; Orange: First Church, \$36; Roseville, \$108; South Orange, \$1; Springfield, \$7. Total, \$665.75.

PATERSON DISTRICT.—Paterson: Cross Street, \$15; Grace, \$24; Market Street, \$50; Succasunna, \$3; Washington, \$41. Total, \$133.

Total to General Fund, \$1,034.80.

To Beneficiary Fund.—*To Boylan Home.*—Plainfield: First Church, Circle (to Mary Parker), \$30; East Orange: Calvary, \$48; Newark: Halsey Street, \$7.50; Roseville: St. Luke's Church, \$50; Miss Lottie L. Forte, \$48. Total, \$183.50.

To Lucy Webb Hayes Home.—Morristown, \$8; to support Kirsteen Peterson, \$50; Mrs. J. W. Cleft, \$8. Total, \$66.

<i>To Mothers' Jewels Home.</i> —Morristown: Circle (for Ray Odell), \$50.	Total, \$50.
<i>To Haven Home.</i> —Elizabeth: St. James Circle, \$20.	Total, \$20.
<i>To Speedwell Home.</i> —Crawford: Circle, \$7.	Total, \$7.
<i>To Simpson Home.</i> —Morristown, \$20.	Total, \$20.
<i>To Kent Home.</i> —East Orange: Calvary, Band, \$36.	Total, \$36.
Total to Beneficiary Fund, \$382.50.	

To Special Fund.—*Haven Home.*—To Mrs. Lewis's salary—Elizabeth: St. James, \$5; Circle, \$40; Park Street, \$3; Plainfield: First Church, \$60; Jersey City: Westside Avenue, \$13.50; Cranford Mission Circle (to make life members), \$40.00; Monte air, \$13.75; Bloomfield, \$4; Madison, \$14; mite-boxes, \$2.75; Morristown, \$24; Newark: Central, \$100; Centenary, \$15; Halsey Street, \$5; St. Luke's: mite-box, \$1; Roseville, \$5; mite-boxes, \$7; Orange: First Church, \$3; South Orange, \$1, East Orange: baud, \$13; toward making life member, \$5; Paterson: Cross Street, \$14; Grace, \$3; Market Street, \$5; to make life member, \$20; Westfield, \$16.73; to make life member, \$20; Washington, \$4. Total, \$457.73.

To Boylan Home.—Newark: Central Church (to Miss Emerson's salary) \$120; Mrs. De Groot, \$40; Halsey Street, \$7.50. Total, \$167.50.

To New Jersey Home.—Plainfield: Monroe Avenue, \$100. Total, \$100.

To Mothers' Jewels Home.—Cranford: Circle, \$1.20; Montclair, \$2.90; Springfield, \$0.50; to Clark Room: Mrs. Boswell, \$3; Miss Fitzgerald, \$1.50; Mrs. Blain, \$1.25; Mrs. Day, \$1; small sums, \$3.25; Washington, \$18. Total, \$32.60.

To Immigrants Girls Home, New York.—Plainfield: First Church, \$10; Mrs. J. F. Foot, \$10. Total, \$20.

To Indian Work.—St. Luke's, \$10. Total, \$10.

To Navajoes.—Morristown, \$10. Total, \$10.

To Italian Mission, New York.—Morristown, \$10. Total, \$10.

To Alaska.—Newark: Halsey Street, \$10. Total, \$10.

To Albuquerque.—Halsey Street, \$10. Total, \$10.

To Marcy Home.—Morristown, \$5. Total, \$5.

Total to Special Fund, \$832.83.

Grand total, 2,250.13.

New England Conference.

MISS E. J. WEBSTER, Treasurer, 28 Greenwich Park, Boston.

To General Fund.—*BOSTON DISTRICT.*—Boston: Bromfield Street, \$6; St. John's, \$27; People's Church, \$9; Special General, \$20; Temple Street, \$73; Tremont Street, \$61; Winthrop Street, \$46.50; Special General, \$25; Brookline, \$17.75; Dorchester, \$16; Stanton Avenue, \$18; Eggleston Square, \$5; Hyde Park, \$29; Special General, \$12.85; Jamaica Plain, \$10; Newton Center, \$53.15; Newtonville, \$5; Natick, \$10.75; Roslindale, \$7; Oxford, \$4.50; South Bridge, \$5; Worcester, \$50.50; T. O., \$21; Special General, \$55.25; Wollaston, \$14.50. Total, \$602.75.

LYNN DISTRICT.—Chelsea, \$5; Everett, \$58; East Boston: Saratoga Street, \$44; T. O., \$20; Gloucester, \$24; Ipswich, \$11; Lynn: Common, \$83; South Street, \$26; Maple Street, \$12; Malden, \$127; Circle, \$9.25; Belmont Street, \$14; Linden, \$12; Melrose, \$69.64; Marblehead, \$15; Saugus, \$12; East Saugus, \$13; Stoneham, \$3; Salem: Wesley Chapel, \$12; Winthrop, \$14; Peabody, \$16. Total, \$599.89.

NORTH BOSTON DISTRICT.—Charleston: Trinity, \$10; Monument Square, \$17.25; Special General, \$10.79; Cambridge: Grace, \$16; T. O., \$6; Harvard, \$39; T. O., \$11.60; Clinton, \$10; Hudson, \$26.89; T. O., \$5; Lowell: St. Paul, \$20; Somerville: First Church, \$28; Broadway, \$20; Special

General, \$9; Flint Street, \$42; Park Avenue, \$62.25; Special General, \$15; Fitchburg, \$25; Leominster, \$17; Waltham, \$38; Watertown: Circle, \$9.50; Woburn, \$1; Winchester, \$18. Total, \$457.28.

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.— Chicopee Falls, \$14.80; Mittineague, \$8.50; Northampton, \$15; Springfield, \$98; Special General, \$17; West Springfield, \$4; Westfield, \$16.20; Wilbraham, \$24. Total, \$197.50.

OTHER SOURCES.— Conference gatherings, \$61.65; Dalton, \$10. Total, \$71.65. Total to General Fund, \$1,929.07.

To Beneficiary Fund.— To *Thayer Home*.— East Boston: Saratoga Street (for Ulia Ray), \$40. Total, \$40.

To *Boylan Home*.— Hyde Park, \$8.66; Malden, \$40. Total, \$48.66.

To *E. L. Rust Home*.— Boston: Bromfield Street, \$20. Total, \$20.

To *Haven Home*.— Lynn: Common, Band (for Patience Lawton), \$40. Total, \$40.

To *Ritter Home*.— Boston: Tremont Street, V. L. C. (for Julia Lindsey), \$40; Lynn: South Street (for Ada Runnels), \$10. Total, \$50.

To *Mother's Jewels Home*.— Springfield (for Mabel Adams), \$21.50; Chester Band (for Mabel Adams), \$10. Total, \$31.50.

To *Browning Home*.— Boston: Winthrop Street, \$5; Hyde Park, \$28.27. Total, \$33.27.

To *Stickney Home*.— Boston: Temple Street, \$10; Tremont Street, \$25; Everett, \$3; Lynn: Common, \$3; Malden, \$1; Melrose, \$5; a friend, \$3. Total, \$50.

Total to Beneficiary Fund, \$313.43.

To Special Fund.— To *Immigrants' Home, Boston*.— Boston: Bromfield Street, \$20; St. John's, \$36.55; Temple Street, \$130.35; Tremont Street, \$125; Winthrop Street, \$90.25; Dorchester, \$25; Stanton Avenue, \$26.65; Cambridge, \$20.89; Chicopee Falls, \$4.60; Chelsea, \$5; East Boston: Saratoga Street, \$8; Fitchburg, \$8.40. Leominster, \$5; Lynn: Common, \$35; Malden, \$10.28; Belmont, \$4.25; Melrose, \$20; Newtonville, \$3.83; Hudson, \$25; Somerville: First Church, \$50; Park Avenue, \$41; Westfield, \$1.42; Wilbraham, \$3.10; Woburn, \$5. Total, \$704.57.

To *Haven Home*.— Malden, \$30. Total, \$30.

To *Thayer Home*.— Malden, \$50. Total, \$50.

To *Ritter Home*.— Malden: Circle, \$40. Total, \$40.

To *Mother's Jewels Home*.— Boston: St. John's, \$8; Winthrop, \$24.40; Eggleston Square, \$3.10; East Boston: Saratoga Street, \$2.20; Malden: Circle, \$1.30; Somerville: Park Avenue, \$0.20; Gloucester, \$1.20; Lynn: Common, \$7.70; St. Paul: Circle, \$2; Melrose, \$5; Springfield, \$10; Worcester: Clark Memorial, \$10. Total, \$75.10.

To *Indian Work*.— Boston: Bromfield Street, \$40; St. John's, \$5; Tremont Street, \$2; Winthrop, \$1; Brookline, \$2; Hyde Park, \$7; Lynn: St. Paul, \$10; Charleston: Monument Square, \$5; Somerville: Park Avenue, \$1; from friends, \$3. Total, \$76.

To *Utah*.— Worcester, \$6. Total, \$6.

To *Missionary in Ukiah*.— Everett, \$20; St. John's, \$1; Leominster, \$8; Northampton, \$20. Total, \$49.

To *Browning Home*.— Boston: Winthrop Street, \$25; Lynn: Common, \$13. Total, \$38.

To *Bohemian Work*.— Hyde Park, \$1.45; Northampton: Building Fund, \$5. Total, \$6.45.

To *Lucy Webb Hayes Home*.— Melrose, \$5; Winthrop Street, \$12. Total, \$17.

To *Alaska*.— Boston: Tremont Street, \$25. Total, \$25.

Total to Special Fund, \$1,117.12.

Grand total, 3,359.62.

New England Southern Conference.

MRS. J. F. BROWNELL, Treasurer, Taunton, Mass.

To General Fund.—NEW BEDFORD DISTRICT.—Bourne, \$4.50; Cottage City, \$8; Fair Haven: Band, \$2.25; Fall River Union, \$29; Special General, \$25; Circle, \$10; Middleboro, \$18; New Bedford: County Street, \$36; Pembroke: South Hanson, \$3.50; Special General, \$2; Bryantville Church, \$6; Plymouth Memorial, \$14; Taunton: First Church, \$4; Grace, \$21.25; Mrs. L. A. Renny, \$1. Total, \$184.50.

NORWICH DISTRICT.—Danielsonville, \$3; East Hampton, \$1; New London, \$19.50; Circle, toward life member, \$10; balance on life member, \$10; Federal Street: Circle, \$4; Band, \$5; Niantic, \$24.25; Norwich, \$12.50; East Main Street, \$6; South Manchester, \$20; Stafford Springs, \$21; Special General, \$10; Willimantic, \$31; life member, \$20; toward life member, \$3.50. Total, \$200.75.

PROVIDENCE DISTRICT.—Bristol, \$23; Special General, \$8; Campello: South Street, \$9; Special General, \$5; East Weymouth, \$19; Providence, \$13; Providence Union, \$216; Rockland: King's Daughters, \$7; Ella Buckley, \$1; Stoughton, \$4; Wickford, \$2; Newport: First Church, \$27. Total, \$334.

Conference collection, \$29.25.

Total, \$29.25.

Total to General Fund, \$748.50.

To Beneficiary Fund.—*To Ritter Home.*—For Lilian Snyder, Middleboro, \$20; Willing Workers, \$20. Total, \$40.

To Browning Home.—Fair Haven (for Lizzie Gaskins), \$45; Providence Union (for Elizabeth Russell), \$40. Total, \$85.

Total to Beneficiary Fund, \$125.

To Special Fund.—*To Mothers' Jewels Home.*—Providence Union, \$1; Hazardville: Junior League, \$8; Willimantic, \$1.50; Camp-ground, \$2.75. Total, \$13.25.

To Immigrants' Home, East Boston.—New Bedford: County Street, \$19.69. Total, \$19.69.

To Bohemian Work, Chicago.—New London, "Cheerful Givers," \$3.50. Total, \$3.50.

Total to Special Fund, \$36.44.

Grand total, 909.94.

New Hampshire Conference.

MRS. J. D. FOLSOM, Treasurer, Greenland, N. H.

To General Fund.—CONCORD DISTRICT.—Concord: First Church, \$15; Baker Memorial, \$24.75; Special General, \$5; Groveton: Camp-meeting, \$7.75; Weir's Camp-meeting, \$2.75; Tilton, \$7. Total, \$62.25.

DOVER DISTRICT.—Haverhill: Grace, \$79.50; Wesley Church, \$18; South New Market, \$7; T. O., \$7; Lawrence: First Church, \$50; Salisbury, \$11. Total, \$172.50.

MANCHESTER DISTRICT.—Antrim, \$4; Claremont, \$14; Special General, \$5; Keene, \$17; mite-box, \$0.45; Manchester: St. James, \$10; Special General, \$2; St. Paul's, \$6; Marlboro, \$5; Salem Depot, \$16; Special General, \$5. Total, \$84.45.

Conference collection, \$44.

Total, \$44.

Total to General Fund, \$363.20.

To Beneficiary Fund.—Haverhill: Grace, \$38.

Total, \$38.

Total to Beneficiary Fund, \$38.

To Special Fund.— <i>To Mothers' Jewels Home.</i> —Arthur Howard, \$4; Claremont, \$1.20; Haverhill, \$2.50; Salisbury, \$1.05; Keen, \$2.	Total, 10.75.
To Immigrants' Home, <i>East Boston.</i> —Haverhill: Grace, \$15.	Total, \$15.
Total to Special Fund,	\$25.75.
Grand total,	426.95.

New Jersey Conference.

MRS. N. L. CAMINADE, Treasurer, Trenton, N. J.

To General Fund.— <i>BRIDGETON DISTRICT.</i> —Bridgeton: Central, \$56; Commerce Street, \$8; Trinity, \$23; Salem: Broadway, \$17.50; Vineland, \$74.	Total, \$178.50.
<i>CAMDEN DISTRICT.</i> —Blackwood, \$13.18; Camden: Broadway, \$9.28; Centenary, \$75.75; sacrifice, \$3; Dudley, \$7; Haddonfield, \$11.75.	Total, \$119.96.
<i>NEW BRUNSWICK DISTRICT.</i> —Asbury Park, \$25; First Church, \$17; Bradley Beach: Band, \$4; Cranbury, \$13.65; Band, \$20; Milltown, \$11.25; New Brunswick: First Church, \$32; St. James, \$22; Ocean Grove: St. Paul, \$24; Red Bank: Grace, \$15.	Total, \$183.90.
<i>TRENTON DISTRICT.</i> —Bethel, \$5.49; Pennington, \$7; Trenton, \$100; State Street, \$57.	Total, \$169.49.
OTHER SOURCES.—Conference gatherings, \$60.	Total, \$60.
Total to General Fund,	\$711.85.

To Beneficiary Fund.— <i>To New Jersey Home.</i> —Bridgeton: Central, \$10; Commerce Street, \$2; Trinity, \$2; Vineland, \$19; Camden: Broadway, \$2; Milltown, \$5; New Brunswick: First Church, \$15; Red Bank: Grace Church, \$10; Mrs. Fowler, \$20.	Total, \$85.
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To Stickney Home.—Camden, \$5; Centenary, \$10; Conference offering, \$35.	Total, \$50.
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Total to Beneficiary Fund,	\$135.
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To Special Fund.— <i>To Mothers' Jewels Home.</i> —Atlantic Highlands, \$2; Camden: Broadway, \$4; Blackwood, \$2.15; Conference offering (to name room for Mrs. Clark), \$10.	Total, \$18.15.
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<i>To Pawnee Indians.</i> —Diaz Creek: Band, \$22.72.	Total, \$22.72.
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<i>To Italian Work, New York.</i> —Blackwood, \$2; Cranbury: Band, \$6; Ocean Grove: St. Paul, \$5; Miss Miller, \$3.	Total, \$16.
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<i>To Sibley Hospital.</i> —Bridgeton: Trinity, \$5; Trenton: St. Paul, \$5; Green Street, \$5; State Street, \$5.	Total, \$20.
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Total to Special Fund,	\$76.87.
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Grand total,	923.72.
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New York Conference.

MRS. J. A. PUNDERFORD, Treasurer, 127 W. 70th Street, New York.

To General Fund.— <i>KINGSTON DISTRICT.</i> —Kingston: Clinton Avenue, \$16.75; St. James, \$29.50; Rondout, \$33.25; Coxsackie, \$20.50; Tannersville, \$3.60; Haines Falls, \$5.	Total, \$108.60.
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<i>NEWBURG DISTRICT.</i> —Marlboro, \$6; Newburg, \$40.55; Trinity, \$10.25.	Total, \$56.80.
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<i>NEW YORK DISTRICT.</i> —Brewster, \$8.50; Calvary, \$51; to make Mrs. J. R. Day life member, \$20; Central: Mrs. E. C. Williams, \$20; Chatham, \$24.50; Church of the Saviour, \$26; Eighteenth Street, \$49; Hudson, \$44.25; Katonah, \$23.79; Kensico, \$6; Mt. Kisco, \$3; North Tarrytown, \$13; Park	
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Avenue, \$41; Y. L. C., mite-boxes, \$50; Peekskill, \$10; St. Andrews, \$28.20; St. Luke's \$10; St. James, \$41; St. Johh's, \$12; Tarrytown, \$69; Twenty-fourth Street, \$13; Washington Heights, \$8; Washington Square, \$101; White Plains, \$52.70; Woodlawn: Mrs. W. K. Moore, \$100; Vonkers, \$26.25. Total, \$853.19.

POUGHKEEPSIE DISTRICT.—Poughkeepsie: Trinity, \$54.90; Washington Street, \$20. Total, \$74.90.

Special General Fund.—Conference Society, \$100. Total, \$100.

Total to General Fund, \$1,193.49.

To Beneficiary Fund.—*To Italian Home.*—New York: Calvary, \$30; Eighteenth Street, \$6; St. Luke's, \$20; Washington Square, \$30; Kingston; St. James, \$45. Total, \$131.

Total to Beneficiary Fund, \$131.

To Special Fund.—*To Italian Home.*—Katonah, \$2.90; Kingston, \$10; Mount Kisco, \$15; Poughkeepsie: Trinity, \$40; Junior League, \$5; New York: Eighteenth Street, \$4; St. James, \$38.78; Washington Square, \$72.89. Total, \$188.57.

To Lucy Webb Hayes Home.—Poughkeepsie: Washington Street, \$2. Total, \$2.

To Unalaska.—Washington Square, \$3. Total, \$3.

To Mothers' Jewels Home.—Conference Society, \$10. Total, \$10.

Total to Special Fund, \$203.57.

Grand total, 1,528.06.

New York East Conference.

MISS E. A. PULVER, Treasurer, 246 Vanderbilt Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

To General Fund.—**BROOKLYN DISTRICT.**—Brooklyn: De Kalb Avenue: Y. L. C., \$16; Hanson Place, \$34; Y. L. C., \$10; Sumner Avenue, \$37.70; Sea Cliff, \$20; Jamaica, \$45.25; Bushwick, \$16.80. Total, \$179.75.

NEW HAVEN DISTRICT.—Hartford: South Park, Mission Circle, \$13.50; Middletown, \$40. Total, \$53.50.

NEW YORK DISTRICT.—New York: Trinity, \$56; Bridgeport: First Church, \$11; mite-boxes, \$4.58; Grace, \$8; North Main, \$11; Washington Park, \$15; mite-boxes, \$13.61 Total, \$119.19.

NEW YORK EAST DISTRICT.—Summerfield: mite-box, \$1.25; Washington Park, \$9.85. Total, \$11.10.

Long Island District, \$119. Total, \$119.

SOUTH LONG ISLAND DISTRICT.—Brooklyn: Eighteenth Street, \$3; Simpson, \$13; Grace, \$32.80; Janes, \$35; Russell Place, \$15; Summerfield, \$9; Nostrand Avenue, \$33. Total, \$140.80.

Total to General Fund, \$623.34.

To Special Fund.—*To Immigrant Home.*—Brooklyn: Sumner Avenue, \$10. Total, \$10.

To Mothers' Jewels Home.—Summerfield: Junior League, \$2. Total, \$2.

To Deaconess Home.—Andrews Church, \$13.03; Bushwick Avenue, \$42.43; Central Church, \$11.05; De Kalb, \$19.34; Epworth, \$4.86; Eighteenth Street, \$136.71; Hanson Place, \$252.31; Janes, \$73.02; Madison Center, \$2; Newtonsville, \$2; New York Avenue, \$146.43; Nostrand, \$157.70; Powers Street, \$2.49; Simpson, \$8.12; South Second Street: King's Daughters, \$10; Sixth Avenue, \$86.98; Summerfield, \$121.37; Sumner, \$23.53; St. John's, \$2.58; Tabernacle, \$1.25; Thorp Avenue, \$2.63; Warren Street, \$15.40; Williams Avenue, \$5; Willets, \$2; York Street, \$127.11; Collection, \$3.16; Board from Home, \$9.55; from friends, \$257.35;

Greenspoint: First Church, \$21.56; Grace, \$70.42; Holly Springs, Mich., \$0.25; Conference Board, \$125; Festival, \$105.09. Total, \$1,861.72.

Total to Special Fund, \$1,873.72.
Grand total, 2,497.06.

North Indiana Conference.

MRS. L. H. BUNYAN, Treasurer, Richmond, Ind.

To General Fund.—GOSHEN DISTRICT.—Elkhart: Trinity, \$15.50; T. O., \$9.12; self-denial, \$4.45; Goshen, \$9.50; First Church, \$16.50; Leesburg, \$8; Milford, \$18; Mishawaka, \$15.75; mite-box, \$0.50; New Paris, \$15; Wolcottville, \$9. Total, \$121.32.

FT. WAYNE DISTRICT.—Bluffton, \$33.43; Decatur, \$8.05; Ft. Wayne: Wayne Street, \$25.89; Garrett, \$11; Huntington, \$23.60; mite-boxes, \$10.80; donation, \$3.90; Monroeville, \$1.50. Total, 118.17.

KOKOMO DISTRICT.—Kokomo: Mulberry Street, \$8.25; Logansport: Broadway, \$8.42; Circle, \$4.25; Market Street, \$13.84; Wheatland Street, \$5.25; Noblesville, \$2.70; Peru, \$11.75. Total, \$54.46.

MUNCIE DISTRICT.—Alexandria, \$7; Hartford City, \$18; mite-boxes (to make Mrs. Addie King life member), \$20; Jonesboro, \$3.75; Muncie: High Street, \$24.55; to make Mrs. Dora Mitchell and Mrs. Sadie Hill life members, \$40; Red Key, \$14.25; toward making Mrs. Anna Fry life member, \$15; Noblesville, \$1.50; Winchester, \$12.50; donation, \$10.50; mite-boxes, \$5. Total, \$172.05.

RICHMOND DISTRICT.—College Corner, \$0.75; Hagerstown, \$7.75; Kingstown, \$26.85; New Castle, \$37.55; Middletown, \$21.75; donation, \$5.20; Richmond: First Church, \$25.75; T. O., \$2.39; mite-boxes, \$4.77; Grace Church, \$14.50; mite-boxes, \$1.60. Total, \$148.86.

WARSAW DISTRICT.—Marion, \$9.50; First Church, \$9.75; Wabash: First Church, \$46.65. Total, \$65.90.

Other Sources.—By vouchers from Mrs. Potter, \$16.01. Total, \$16.01.

Total to General Fund, \$696.77.

To Beneficiary Fund.—*To Speedwell.*—Hartford City, \$10; to make Mrs. Alspaugh life member, \$20. Total, \$30.

Total to Beneficiary Fund, \$30.

To Special Fund.—*To Mothers' Jewels Home.*—New Castle, \$2.40; New Paris: mite-boxes, \$12.50; Wabash: First Church, \$2.60; Elkhart: Trinity, \$0.10. Total, \$17.60.

To Immigrant Girls' Home, New York.—Knightstown, \$4. Total, \$4.

To Thayer Home.—Knightstown, \$6.40. Total, \$6.40.

To Lucy Webb Hayes Home.—Marion, \$12.50. Total, \$12.50.

To Italian Work, New York.—Bluffton, \$10; Hagerstown, \$2.93; Richmond: First Church, \$8; Conference collection, \$11.34. Total, \$32.27.

Total to Special Fund, \$72.77.

Grand total, 799.54.

North Nebraska Conference.

MRS. H. H. MILLARD, Treasurer, Wayne, Neb.

To General Fund.—GRAND ISLAND DISTRICT.—Central City, \$23; Fullerton, \$11.75; Silver Creek, \$7.50; Saint Paul, \$3.50. Total, \$45.75.

NELIGH DISTRICT.—Creighton, 75 cents; Oakdale, \$4.75; Plainview, \$3.50; Neligh, \$6.25. Total, \$15.25.

NORFOLK DISTRICT.—Beemer, \$17.50; mite-boxes, \$5; Dakota City,

\$6.25; donation, \$8.68; Madison, \$8.65; Norfolk, \$10.25; Pender, \$11.75; Mission Band, 75 cents; Pleasant Valley, \$8.50; Wayne, \$15.10; donation, \$5. Total, \$98.43.

OMAHA DISTRICT.—Blair, \$16; Fremont, \$19.90; Omaha: Hanscom Park, \$21.75; Seward Street, \$11; South Tenth Street, \$34.50; South Omaha: First Church, \$11.25; Trinity, \$32.75; mite-box, 30 cents; Lyons, \$6. Total, \$153.45.

Total to General Fund, \$312.88.

To Beneficiary Fund.—*To Mothers' Jewels Home*.—Central City (for Maude Truelove), \$5.15. Total, \$5.15.

Total to Beneficiary Fund, \$5.15.

To Special Fund.—*To Mothers' Jewels Home*.—Central City, \$4.12; Beemer (to Hospital Fund), \$10.28; Bancroft, 40 cents; Lehigh, \$4; Fullerton, \$10.85; Norfolk, \$1; Omaha: South Tenth Street, \$1.90; Pleasant Valley, \$2. Total, \$34.55.

To Bohemian Work.—Central, \$1; Omaha: South Tenth Street, \$5. Total, \$6.

To Memorial Fund.—Omaha: South Tenth Street, \$1. Total, \$1.

Total to Special Fund, \$41.55.

Grand total, 359.58.

North Ohio Conference.

MRS. T. S. SHEPHERD, Treasurer, Wooster, O.

To General Fund.—CLEVELAND DISTRICT.—Avon Lake Sunday-school, \$2.09; Belden, \$10.50; Berea, \$12.75; Brooklyn Village, \$16; Cleveland: Franklin Avenue, \$11; Jennings Avenue, 9.50; Gordon Avenue, \$9; Elyria, \$38.62; Huntington, \$15; New London, \$25.75; Oberlin, \$3.15; Circle, \$6.75; Wellington, \$30; Band, 40 cents. Total, \$190.51.

MANSFIELD DISTRICT.—Ashland, \$20.75; Bucyrus, \$11.70; Circle, \$6.70; Baud, \$1.75; Crestline, \$15.50; Galion, \$21.65; Hayesville, \$13.42; Mansfield, \$48.50; mite-boxes, \$25; Mt. Gilead, \$16.50; Pavonia, \$16.50. Total, \$197.97.

MT. VERNON DISTRICT.—Bloomfield: Clark's, \$7.32; Danville Circle, \$2.40; Fredericktown, \$14.25; Gambier, \$3; Hopewell, \$5.75; Mt. Vernon: First Church, \$29.75; Roscoe, \$16.50; Utica, \$4. Total, \$82.97.

SANDUSKY DISTRICT.—Bellevue, \$11; mite-boxes, \$7.50; Norwalk, \$17.15; Port Clinton, \$13; Plymouth, \$9; Band, \$2; Sandusky, \$30.50; mite-boxes, \$8.07; Tiffin, \$32; Band, \$4.30. Total, \$134.52.

WOOSTER DISTRICT.—Albion, \$8.64; Canaan, \$1.50; Frederickburg, \$9.25; Loudonville, \$17.10; mite-boxes, \$3.42; North Lawrence, \$13.50; Ruggles, \$8.50; Smithville, \$13.20; Wooster, \$30; interest on Mrs. Stitt's bequest, \$15.75. Total, \$120.86.

To Special General Fund.—Tiffin (for Miss Johnston), \$25. Total, \$25.

Total to General Fund, \$751.83.

To Beneficiary Fund.—*E. L. Rust Home*.—Mansfield (for Ada Beach), \$40; Mt. Vernon: First Church, \$10. Total, \$50.

To King Home.—Tiffin Epworth League, \$25. Total, \$25.

To Asheville.—Oberlin (for Isabella Jones), \$15. Total, \$15.

Total to Beneficiary Fund, \$90.

To Special Fund.—*To King Home*.—Ashland, \$5; Bucyrus, \$5; Bellevue, \$4; Galion, \$9.89; Sandusky, \$8; Tiffin, \$2.20. Total, \$34.09.

To Asheville.—Ashland (toward naming a room), \$37. Total, \$37.

To Mothers' Jewels Home.—Bucyrus, 30 cents; Mansfield, \$1.50; Wellington, \$1; Jennings Avenue, 2. Total, \$4.80.

To Lucy Webb Hayes Memorial Home.—Tiffin, \$6. Total, \$6.

To Deaconess Home, Cleveland.—Franklin Avenue, \$30; Mt. Vernon: First Church, \$9.41. Total, \$41.41.

Total to Special Fund, \$121.30.
Grand total, 963.13.

Northern New York Conference.

MRS. A. E. HENDERSON, Treasurer, Oswego, N. Y.

To General Fund.—ADAMS DISTRICT.—Adams, \$26.55; Special General, \$5; Barnes Corners, \$1; Copenhagen, \$10; Special General, \$2.50; Lorraine, \$8.65; Lowville, \$26; Turin, \$8; Special General, \$2.50; Watertown: State Street, \$59.25; Mission Band, \$6.73; self-denial, \$1.50. Total, \$157.70.

HERKIMER DISTRICT.—Frankfort, \$20; Herkimer, \$18.75; Ilion, \$43.50; Mission Circle, \$4; life members, \$25; Mohawk, \$5.72. Total, \$116.97.

OSWEGO DISTRICT.—Camden, \$14; Cleveland Mission Circle, 75 cents; Fulton, \$43.75; Mission Band, \$2.25; Hannibal Mission Band, \$3.75; Circle, \$5.73; Mexico, \$25; life member, \$20; Minetto, \$18; Mt. Pleasant, \$10; Oswego, \$33; Trinity, \$21.38; Mission Band, \$3.50; Circle, \$8.90; mite-box, \$3.56; Pulaski, \$9.60; Sandy Creek, \$10.50; South Richland, \$7.22; Williamstown, \$2.10. Total, \$242.99.

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT.—Constable, \$2; Malone, \$9; Ogdensburg, \$5; Potsdam, \$17; Special General, \$1. Total, \$34.

UTICA DISTRICT.—Clinton, \$2; Madison, \$12.75; mite-boxes, \$6.50; New Hartford, \$20; Rome: First Church, \$54.50; Y. L. C., \$9.75; South Street, \$5; Utica, \$5; Special General, \$10; Centenary, \$4.68; Circle, \$3.30; Band, \$2.02; First Church, \$37.50; South Church, \$37.35; Circle, \$3.50; Band, \$3.75; Westerville, \$8.25; Band, \$1; Vernon, \$8.50. Total, \$235.35.

WATERTOWN DISTRICT.—Black River, \$17.10; Carthage, \$10; Gouverneur, \$16.10; Ox Bow, \$1; Philadelphia, \$1; Lafargeville, \$10; Russell, \$1; Watertown: Arsenal Street, \$30. Total, \$86.20.

Total to General Fund, \$873.21.

To Beneficiary Fund.—*To Ritter Home.*—Watertown: State Street Band, \$17.78. Total, \$17.78.

To New Jersey Home.—Herkimer, \$20. Total, \$20.

To Simpson Home.—Fulton, \$14.24. Total, \$14.24.

To Indian Work, Nooksack.—Watertown: State Street Band, \$7.41; donation, \$5. Total, \$12.41.

Total to Beneficiary Fund, \$64.43.

To Special Fund.—*To Ritter Home.*—Chaumont, \$20; Lorraine, \$11.38; Pillar Point, \$49; Dempster Camp-ground, \$55; Utica: Centenary, \$5; Adams, \$8. Total, \$148.38.

To Mothers' Jewels Home.—Fulton, \$3.80; Oswego: First Church, \$1.15. Total, \$4.90.

To Lucy Webb Hayes Home.—Madison, \$1. Total, \$1.

To Immigrant Girls' Home.—To Building Fund.—Oswego: First Church, \$10. Total, \$10.

Total to Special Fund, \$164.28.

Grand total, 1,101.92.

Northwest Indiana Conference.

MRS. MYRON CAMPBELL, Treasurer, South Bend, Ind.

To General Fund.—GREENCASTLE DISTRICT.—Greencastle, \$14.70; Y. L. C., \$8.50; College Avenue, \$17; Terre Haute, \$27; Centenary Church, \$15. Total, \$82.20.

LAFAYETTE DISTRICT.—Lafayette: Trinity, \$22.15. Total, \$22.15.

SOUTH BEND DISTRICT.—Monticello, \$11; South Bend: First Church, \$42.50; mite-boxes, \$13.27; Special General, \$5; Band, 90 cents; Grace Church, \$12.25. Total, \$84.92.

VALPARAISO DISTRICT.—Crown Point, \$9.64; Valparaiso, \$6. Total, \$15.64.

Total to General Fund, \$204.91.

To Special Fund.—*To Mothers' Jewels Home.*—South Bend: First Church, \$1.20. Total, \$1.20.

Total to Special Fund, \$1.20.
Grand total, 206.11.

Northwest Iowa Conference.

MRS. J. B. SHESSLER, Treasurer, Spencer, Iowa.

To General Fund.—**ALGONA DISTRICT.**—Algona, \$17; Bancroft, \$14.25; Britt, \$6; Clear Lake, \$19.50; Webster City, \$4.50; District Camp-meeting, \$8.29. Total, \$69.54.

FORT DODGE DISTRICT.—Alta, \$20.75; Callender, \$6; Fort Dodge, \$16; Grant City, \$11.50; Gowrie, \$5.40; Hubbard, \$7; Lohrville, \$13.25; Manson, \$9; Twin Lakes, \$12; Ponteroy, \$4; Rockwell City, \$8; Storm Lake, \$37.50; Circle, \$9.35; Sulphur Springs, \$2.75. Total, \$162.50.

IDA GROVE DISTRICT.—Arthur, \$9; Anthon, \$8.50; Battle Creek, \$6.50; Charter Oak, \$12.25; Circle, \$5.75; Band, 50 cents; Correctionville Circle, \$9.95; Cushing, \$5.50; Band, \$2.51; Early, \$15.75; Band, \$2.25; Galva, \$19.10; Ida Grove, \$11; Kingsley, \$11.50; Odebolt, \$18; Oto, \$7.38; Peiro, \$33.15; Pierson Band, 90 cents; Prondeval, \$2.75; Providence, \$1.50; Quimby, \$6.25; Schallor, \$11.50; Smithland, \$14.50; Tico, \$8.50; Ute, \$10.50; Willow Avenue, \$8.25; Vail, \$10.80; Jackson, \$12; Wall Lake, \$15.75; Washta, \$6; Silver, \$12. Total, \$299.79.

SHELDON DISTRICT.—Calumet, \$3.75; Dickens, \$10.50; Everly, \$6.25; Hartley, \$6.50; Hull Circle, \$5; Inwood, \$7.50; Circle, \$7.72; Ireton Center, \$14.15; Milford, \$8.50; Excelsior, \$5.65; Peterson Circle, \$5.50; Plover, \$1.50; Rock Rapids, \$29.50; Sanborn, \$7.25; Sibley, \$10.15; Spencer, \$32; Circle, \$5.75; Sheldon, \$3.25; Sioux Rapids, \$5.25. Total, \$175.67.

SIOUX CITY DISTRICT.—Le Mars, \$19.25; Mendon, \$4; Salix, \$13.75; Sioux City: First Church, \$20; Grace, \$24.75; Circle, \$5.55; Mapleton, \$4.20; Sloan, \$2.50. Total, \$94.

To Special General.—*To Missionary Salary.*—Alta, \$1.61; Anthon, \$5.05; Bancroft, \$5; Charter Oak, \$21.72; mite-boxes, \$5.79; Cushing, \$5.09; mite-boxes, \$6.01; Clear Lake, \$10; Callender, \$1.50; Early Band, \$3.70; Everly, \$4.15; Fort Dodge, \$5.10; mite-boxes, 35 cents; Galva, \$3; Gowrie, \$1.70; Hubbard, \$4.10; Ida Grove, \$3.60; Ireton, \$8.80; Kingsley, \$9.99; Lohrville, \$7.50; mite-boxes, \$7; Manson: Twin Lakes, \$3.38; mite-boxes, \$1; Milford, \$11.05; Excelsior, \$1.85; Odebolt, \$8; Oto, \$8.22; Providence, \$2.09; Peiro, \$5; Schallor, \$3.63; Smithland, \$1.67; mite-boxes, \$2.50; Sibley, \$9.85; Sanborn, \$2.51; Spencer, \$6.94; Storm Lake, \$15.60; mite-boxes, \$5.53; Sulphur Springs, \$2.26; Sioux City: Grace, \$8.35; Sioux Rapids, \$1.50; Ticonic, \$3.83; Turin Center, 53 cents; Ute, \$2.67; Willow Avenue, \$1.55; Silver Avenue, \$5.46; Inwood mite-boxes, \$8.81; Dickens, \$3.04; Oto, \$2.51; Plover, 25 cents; Vail, \$3.80; Jackson, \$3; Wall Lake, \$6; Washta, \$2.54. Total, \$265.69.

Total to General Fund, \$1,067.19.

To Beneficiary Fund.—*To Ritter Home.*—Hubbard, \$3.21.

Total, \$3.21.

To Peck Home.—Lohrville, \$5.

Total, \$5.

Total to Beneficiary Fund, \$8.21.

To Special Fund.—*To Ritter Home.*—Arthur, \$20. Total, \$20.

To Mothers' Jewels Home.—Charter Oak, \$10.05; Cushing, \$1.10; mite-boxes, \$1.91; Galva, \$10; Kingsley, \$5; Odebolt, \$10; Oto, \$1.50; Pierson, \$3.45; mite-boxes, \$1.67; Plover, \$8; Providence, 20 cents; Peiro, 60 cents; Silver, \$1.50; Grant City, \$1; Vail, 60 cents; Wall Lake, \$3. Total, \$59.58.

To Lucy Webb Hayes Training-school.—Bancroft, 75 cents; Charter Oak, \$3; Galva, \$2; Wall Lake, \$2; Silver, \$2; Peiro, \$1.40; Sioux City: Grace, \$4; Lorville, \$3; Twin Lakes, \$2.12; Center Chapel, \$2; Rock Rapids, \$2; Spencer, \$3; Ida Grove, \$3. Total, \$30.27.

To New Jersey Home.—Alta, \$15. Total, \$15.

To Immigrant Girls' Home, New York.—Galva, \$15. Total, \$15.

To Spencer Home.—Storm Lake, \$15. Total, \$15.

To Peck Home.—Sioux City Circle, \$15; Lohrville, \$7. Total, \$22.

To Alaska.—Cushing, \$10.76; Early, \$5; Band, \$4.55; Grant City, \$3.60. Total, \$23.91.

To Stickney Home.—Charter Oak, \$2; Odebolt, \$11; Providence, \$1.72; Twin Lakes, \$3. Total, \$14.72.

Total to Special Fund, \$215.48.

Grand total, 1,290.88.

Northwest Kansas Conference.

MRS. J. P. FAIR, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—CONCORDIA DISTRICT.—Bellville, \$3.45; Mankato, \$7.25; mite-boxes, \$6.08; Cuba, \$2; Smith's Center, \$1.75. Total, \$20.53.

BELOIT DISTRICT.—Kirwin, \$2.50. Total, \$2.50.

NORTON DISTRICT.—Philipsburg Circle, \$7. Total, \$7.

SALINA DISTRICT.—Salina, \$8. Total, \$8.

Conference collection, \$19. Total, \$19.

Total to General Fund, \$57.03.

To Special Fund.—*To Mothers' Jewels Home.*—Mankato: Walker, \$8.55; Kirwin, \$15. Total, \$23.55.

Total to Special Fund, \$23.55.

Grand total, 80.58.

Ohio Conference.

MISS F. M. STRICKLER, Treasurer, Columbus, Ohio.

To General Fund.—CHILlicothe DISTRICT.—Adelphi, \$11; Mission Band, \$0.10; Chillicothe, \$31.50; Concord, \$4.25; Frankfort, \$26.75; New Holland, \$15.25; Mission Band, \$0.24; Mt. Carmel, \$2.75; Selden, \$6.25; Special General, \$1; Slate Mills \$7; Staunton, \$7.25; Washington C. H., \$20.25. Total, \$133.59.

COLUMBUS DISTRICT.—Columbus: Broad Street, \$50; Special General, \$35; Young Ladies' Circle, \$14; Special General, \$25; Neal Avenue, 14.25; Special General, \$2; South High Street, \$14.35; Third Avenue, \$68; Town Street, \$29; King Avenue, \$12.70; Wesley Chapel, \$23.50; Young Ladies' Circle, \$25. Total, \$312.80.

GALLIPOLIS DISTRICT.—Gallipolis, \$53; Young Ladies' Circle, \$20.50; Jackson, \$9; Racine, \$4; Special General, \$1. Total, \$87.50.

LANCASTER DISTRICT.—Circleville, \$28.60; Lancaster, \$8; mite-boxes, \$7.43; Logan, \$13.25; mite-box, \$1; donation, \$2.32. Total, \$60.60.

LONDON DISTRICT.—Delaware: St. Paul, \$28.50; Special General, \$7; thank-offering, \$12.50; toward life member, \$10; mite-boxes, \$9.86; Harrisburg, \$5.75; Stratford, \$3.40. Total, \$77.01.

MARIETTA DISTRICT.—Athens, \$10; Marietta, \$30.75; Nelsonville, \$24; Ironton, \$12; Special General, \$5. Total, \$81.75.

PORPSMOUTH DISTRICT.—Ironton, \$11.50; Portsmouth: Bigelow Church, \$60.80; Special General, \$5; Mission Band, \$10; Sixth Street, \$14.50; Special General, \$2.50. Total, \$104.30.

ZANESVILLE DISTRICT.—Malta, \$17.55; Special General, \$9.90; Newark, \$25.75; Special General, \$20; "King's Messenger," \$6.95; Zanesville, \$15. Total, \$95.15.

TO MISSIONARIES' SALARIES.—Adelphi, \$1; Athens, \$3.50; Delaware, \$18.45; Frankfort, \$1; Gallipolis, \$5; V. L. C., \$1; Ironton, \$5; Lancaster, \$25.95; Marietta, \$3; Malta \$5; Nelsonville, \$3; Newark, \$25; New Holland, \$1; Slate Mills, \$1; Staunton, \$1; Columbus, Broad Street, \$2; Third Avenue, \$2; Town Street, \$2; King Avenue, \$2; South High Street, \$2; Wesley Chapel, \$2; Washington C. H., \$1; Chillicothe, \$5.50. Total, \$118.40.

Total to General Fund, \$1,071.10.

To Beneficiary Fund.—*To King Home*.—Portsmouth: Sixth Street, (for Mary McCurley), \$25. Total, \$25.

To Rust Home.—Columbus: Wesley Chapel, Y. L. C. (for Callie Holmes), \$20. Total, \$20.

To Stickney Home.—Columbus: Broad Street, Y. L. C. (for Willie Thomas), \$25; Wesley Chapel, \$14.75, and for Mary Thomas, \$25. Total, \$64.75.

To Mothers' Jewels Home.—Chillicothe (for Joseph Taw), \$50. Total, \$50.

Total to Beneficiary Fund, \$159.75.

To Special Fund.—*To King Home*—Jackson, \$2; Racine, \$1. Total, \$3.

To Ritter Home.—Chillicothe, \$33; Circleville Mission Band, \$20; Columbus: Broad Street Y. L. C., \$40; King Avenue, \$38.65; Third Avenue, \$50; Concord, \$10; Gallipolis, \$20; Delaware: St. Paul, \$10; Nelsonville, \$12; Racine, \$1; Slate Mills, \$19; Ironton, \$30; Jackson, \$2. Total, \$285.65.

To Disabled Ministers.—Selden, \$18. Total, \$18.

To Mothers' Jewels Home.—Adelphi, \$0.32; Chillicothe, \$12; Ironton, \$16; Lancaster, \$1.10; Portsmouth, \$1.10 Total, \$30.52.

Total to Special Fund, \$337.17.

Grand total, 1,568.02.

Oklahoma Conference.

MRS. E. C. DELAPIAIN, Treasurer, Perry, Oklahoma.

To General Fund.—Reported by Conference without special credits. Membership dues, \$5; Conference gatherings, \$13.40.

Total to General Fund, \$18.40.

Oregon Conference.

MRS. A. E. B. GRANNIS, Treasurer, Portland, Oregon.

To General Fund.—**GRANT'S PASS DISTRICT.**—Ashland, \$5.50; Grant's Pass, \$5; Roseburg, \$5.20; Wilbur, \$6. Total, \$21.70.

PORTLAND DISTRICT.—Astoria, \$1; Mission Circle, \$4; Portland: Centenary, \$13.50; Central, \$9.75; St. Paul's, \$9; mite-box, \$0.34; First Church, \$16.75; University Church, \$3.80; Caubey, \$4.50; Mt. Tabor, \$2; Warren-ton, \$3; Oregon City, \$8.45. Total, \$76.09.

SALEM DISTRICT.—Albany, \$13.75; Eugene, \$2; Salem, \$24.85; Wood-burn, \$1.50. Total, \$42.10.

Conference Society, \$14; Camp-meeting collection, \$22.	Total \$36.
Total to General Fund,	\$175.89.
To Special Fund. — <i>To Hospital Fund.</i> —Astoria, \$2.40; Centenary, \$20; Rosebury, \$5.20.	Total, \$27.60.
<i>To Siletz Indian Mission.</i> —Mt. Tabor, \$4.25; Salem, \$3.40.	Total, \$7.65.
Disbursed in Grant's Pass District: Albany, \$6.	Total, \$6.
Total to Special Fund,	\$41.25.
Grand total,	217.14.

Philadelphia Conference.

MRS. M. R. BOSWELL, Treasurer, 644 North Thirty-second Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

To General Fund.—NORTH PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.—Philadelphia: East Montgomery Avenue, \$6; Frankford, \$100; Fifth Street, \$12; Sumnerfield, \$57.50; Somerton, \$26.75.

Total, \$202.25.

NORTHWEST PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.—Germantown: First Church, \$7; mite-boxes, \$12.12; Mission band mite-boxes, \$4.30: Grace Church, \$61; Park Avenue, \$65; Pottsville, \$8.20; St. Stephen's, \$48.65; Reading: St. Peter's, \$23; Tabernacle, \$42.45; Tioga, \$23.80; Trinity, \$23; Philadelphia: First Church, \$33; Special General, \$10; Busy Bee Circle, \$13; Special General, \$10; Mission Circle, \$2.88; Special General, \$10; Grace Church, \$2; Special General, \$10; Tabernacle, \$13.35.

Total, \$572.75.

SOUTH PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.—Philadelphia: Arch Street, \$58; Ebenezer, \$32.15; Chester: Madison Street, \$34.50; Trinity, \$13.89; Wharton Street, \$19.45; Chester Heights, \$11.

Total, \$168.99.

WEST PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.—Philadelphia: Christ Church, \$56; Fortieth Street, \$1; Greene Street, \$31; Nineteenth Street, \$24; Radnor, \$12; Bryn Mawr: St. Luke's, \$20; Spring Garden Street, \$107; sundry donations, \$8.

Total, \$259.

Total to General Fund, \$1,142.99.

To Beneficiary Fund.—*To Simpson Home.*—Prospect Park: Mission Band, \$10; Germantown: Mission Band (for Ella Lucas), \$25; Arch Street, \$31; Y. I. C., \$9.

Total, \$75.

To Haven Home.—Germantown, \$40.

Total, \$40.

Total to Beneficiary Fund, \$115.

To Special Fund.—*To Ritter Home*—Germantown: Grace, \$40.

Total, \$40.

To Immigrant Home.—Frankford, \$20.

Total, \$20.

To Haven Home.—Philadelphia: First Church, \$60; Germantown: First Church, \$60.

Total, \$120.

To Indian Work.—Chester: Trinity, \$6; donation, \$20.

Total, \$26.

To Utah.—Chester: Trinity, \$10.

Total, \$10.

To Mothers' Jewels Home.—Germantown: Grace Church, \$3; Philadelphia: Ebenezer, \$0.30; Prospect Park: Mission Band, \$5.91; Arch Street, \$2; Spring Garden, \$5.

Total, \$16.21.

To Deaconess Home.—Philadelphia: Cumberland Street, \$2; East Allegheny Avenue, \$3; Mission Circle, \$9.13; Mission Band, \$6; Frankford, \$89.76; Fifth Street, \$15.05; Mission Band, \$5; Kensington, \$5.89; Siloam, \$17.25; Mission Band, \$10; Somerton, \$13.50; St. John's, \$10; Sumnerfield, \$54.40; Grace, \$236.73; Simpson Band, \$38.25; St. Stephen's Circle, \$10.25; Northwest District, \$1; Lady Huntington Band, \$67; Park Avenue, \$62.50; Tabernacle, \$34.61; Trinity, \$242.52; Arch Street, \$182.30; Ebenezer, \$1.75; J. Corbin Band, \$13.90; Norwood Circle, \$5.42; Prospect Park:

Mission Band, \$24.65; Chester; Madison Street, \$0.50; South Chester, \$7.50; Wharton Street, \$36; Christ Church, \$29.07; Fortieth Street, \$3; Green Street, \$43.05; Bryn Mawr: St. Luke's, \$16; Spring Garden, \$265.40; Radnor, \$1; Tioga, \$9; Germantown; First Church, \$4.50; Grace Church, \$43.30; Y. L. C., \$3; St. Stephen's, \$6; East Montgomery Avenue, \$1.50; Nineteenth Street, \$9.50, sundry donations, \$742.26. Total, \$2,480.94.

Total to Special Fund, \$2,715.15.
Grand total, 3,973.14.

Pittsburg Conference.

MISS A. R. INGRAM, Treasurer, Perryville Avenue, Allegheny, Penn.

To General Fund.—ALLEGHENY DISTRICT.—Calvary, \$31; Special General, \$10, Linden Avenue, \$9.50; Mission Band, \$4.25; North Avenue, \$83.68; Special General, \$10; Mission Circle, \$15.25; New Brighton: Mission Circle, \$17.77; Sewickley, \$13; Special General, \$2; Mission Circle, \$6.50; Union, \$21.96; Special General, \$6.30; Total, \$221.71.

BLAIRSVILLE DISTRICT.—Blairsville, \$25.25; Indiana, \$11.25; Kittanning, \$12.02. Total, \$48.52.

McKEESPORT DISTRICT.—McKeesport, \$32.50; Scottsdale, \$22.17; Special General, \$6.20; Uniontown, \$13; Wakefield Chapel, \$13. Total, \$86.87. PITTSBURG DISTRICT.—Pittsburg: Butler Street, \$62.10; Special General, \$10; Centenary, \$5.50; Special General, \$5; Christ Church, \$31; Special General, \$20; Crafton, \$16; Special General, \$5; Little Gleaners, \$5; Emory, \$7; Special General, \$20; life member, \$20; Mission Circle, \$5; Galitzin, \$5; Oakland, \$11; Smithfield Street, \$49.50; Special General, \$30; Mission Circle, \$3; Little Gleaners, \$3; Verona, \$10; Wilkinsburg, \$20.75; Washington Avenue, \$12. Total, \$355.85.

WASHINGTON DISTRICT.—Jefferson Avenue, and First Church, \$105; Special General, \$10; Mission Circle, \$0.50. Total, \$115.50.

Total to General Fund, \$828.45.

To Beneficiary Fund.—*To Ritter Home.*—Mrs. Hainna, \$50.

Total, \$50.

Total to Beneficiary Fund, \$50.

To Special Fund.—*To Mothers' Jewels Home.*—Jefferson Avenue, \$6; Sewickley, \$2; Union, \$1.40. Total, \$9.40.

To Italian Work.—Jefferson Avenue Band, \$6. Total, \$6.

To Deaconess Work.—Pittsburg: Butler Street, \$346.96; Christ Church, \$162.50; Emory, \$125; Oakland, \$100; Wilkinsburg, \$90; Smithfield, \$20; Mission Band, \$10; Fifth Avenue, \$5; Verona, \$5; Ames, \$8; Crafton, \$32.50; Washington, \$10; Centenary, \$10; Calvary, \$76 North Avenue, \$114.35; Mrs. Mortland, \$10; Union, \$23; Sewickley, \$7.59; Beaver, \$10; Bellevue, \$10; Emsworth, \$10; McKeesport, \$45; New Brighton, \$10; Uniontown, \$5; Linden Avenue Mission Band, \$5; Jefferson Avenue, \$58; West Newton, \$10; Indiana, \$13.50; Oil City, \$20; Anniversary Deaconess Home, \$94.35; other sources, \$48.14. Total, \$1,504.89.

Total to Special Fund, \$1,520.29.

Grand total, 2,398.74.

Puget Sound Conference.

MRS. IDA L. MASSEY, Treasurer, Fair Haven, Wash.

To General Fund.—NEW WHATCOM DISTRICT.—New Whatcom: First Church, \$1; Crescent Harbor, \$1. Total, \$2.

SEATTLE DISTRICT.—Port Townsend, \$1; Seattle: First Church, \$4.50; Grace, 25 cents. Total, \$5.75.

TACOMA DISTRICT.—Tacoma: Central Church, \$2.50; Mrs. Stayton, \$1.
Total, \$3.50.

VANCOUVER DISTRICT.—Bay Center, \$1.25; Centralia, \$3.75; Pe Ell, \$1.25; Toledo, \$2.37; Winlock, \$9.75; donations, \$1.25; Castle Rock, 87 cents.
Total, \$20.49.

Total to General Fund, \$31.74.

To Beneficiary Fund.—Crescent Harbor, \$4.20. Total, \$4.20.

Total to Beneficiary Fund, \$4.20.
Grand total, 35.94.

Rock River Conference.

MRS. MARY S. DYCHE, Treasurer, Evanston, Ill.

To General Fund.—CHICAGO DISTRICT.—Berwyn, \$10; Chicago: Oak-
land, \$41; South Park Avenue, \$27; mite-boxes, \$8.94; Normal Park, \$6.
Total, \$92.94.

DIXON DISTRICT.—Morrison, \$4.50; Paw Paw, \$12; Princeton, \$23.40;
Rock Falls, \$10.55. Total, \$50.45.

FREEPORT DISTRICT.—Freeport: First Church, \$25.50; Embury Church,
\$10.75; Galena, \$13; Polo, \$11.71. Total, \$60.96.

JOLIET DISTRICT.—Aurora: First Church, \$12; mite-box, 50 cents; Ba-
tavia, \$19; Joliet: Ottawa Street, \$49.22; Circle, 99 cents; mite-boxes, \$6.56;
World's Fair mite-box, 41 cents. Total, \$88.68.

NORTH CHICAGO DISTRICT.—Evanston, \$13; First Church, \$30.30; Em-
manuel Church, \$11; Lucile Hall, \$5; Hemenway Church, \$58.55; mite-
boxes, \$4; Oak Park, \$27; mite-box, 60 cents; Oakland, \$9; Wheaton, \$25.50;
Western Avenue, \$52; Rogers Park, \$28; mite-boxes, \$2.80. Total, \$266.75.

ROCKFORD DISTRICT.—Elgin: First Church, \$23; Grace Church, \$11;
Franklinville, \$4.50; Marengo, \$2.75; Rockford Union, \$34; Woodstock,
\$5.50. Total, \$80.75.

Total to General Fund, \$640.53.

To Beneficiary Fund.—*To Haven Home.*—Alden Church, \$40.

Total, \$40.

Total to Beneficiary Fund, \$40.

To Special Fund.—*To Marcy Home.*—Evanston: First Church, \$449.03;
Y. L. C., \$130; Emmanuel Church, \$40.45; Franklinville, \$25; Elgin, \$5;
First Church, \$5; Grace, \$10; Hemenway, \$62; Normal Park, \$2; Trinity
Church, \$20; Oakland, \$77.25; Oak Park, \$64.23; Sunday-school, \$3.44;
Dundee, \$5; Rockford Union, \$63.50; Wheadon, \$2.70; Wheaton, \$10; Wau-
kegan, \$8; Western Avenue, \$11; Batavia, \$5; Berwyn, \$20; Princeton, \$7.60;
Freeport: Embury Church, \$8.75; Polo Sunday-school Class, \$6.20; Plano,
\$25; Rogers Park, \$12.18; Miss Harvard, \$5; Mesdames Fawcett, \$7; Porter,
\$5; Taylor, \$7; Warfield, \$5; Weber, \$1.50; Mills, \$1; Illinois Conference,
\$6.50; Vermont Conference, \$5; Northwest Iowa Conference, \$1; Conference
collection, \$79.50; other sources, \$68.21. Total, \$1,270.04.

To Mothers' Jewels Home.—Elgin: Grace, \$5.25; Marengo, \$5.40; Oak-
land, \$2.90; Rogers Park, \$2. Total, \$15.55.

To Thayer Home.—Emmanuel Church, \$40. Total, \$40.

To Haven Home.—Elgin: First Church, \$40. Total, \$40.

To Lucy Webb Hayes Home.—Evanston: First Church, \$1. Total, \$1.

To Speedwell.—Princeton, \$9.50. Total, \$9.50.

To Albuquerque.—Freeport: First Church, \$2.25. Total, \$2.25.

To Immigrants' Home.—Hemenway Church, \$1.50. Total, \$1.50.

To Italian Work.—South Park Avenue, \$24; Washington Park, \$6;
Morrison, \$5; Emmanuel, \$11; Rogers Park, \$6; Hyde Park, \$7.50; Oak-
land, \$25. Total, \$84.50.

To Deaconess Home.—South Park Avenue, \$20.60; Evanston Easter services, \$3.70. Total, \$24.30.

Total to Special Fund, \$1,488.64.
Grand total, 2,169.17.

St. Louis Conference.

MRS. E. J. TUTTLE, Treasurer, Sedalia, Mo.

To General Fund.—CARTHAGE DISTRICT.—Carthage, \$29. Total, \$29.
KANSAS CITY DISTRICT.—Kansas City: Grand Avenue, \$34.50; Dundee,

\$4.35. Total, \$38.85.
SEDLIA DISTRICT.—Sedalia: First Church, \$3.50. Total, \$3.50.

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.—Springfield: Benton Avenue, \$8.25. Total, \$8.25.

OTHER SOURCES.—Conference gatherings, \$25. Total, \$25.

Total to General Fund, \$104.60.

To Special Fund.—*To Mothers' Jewels Home.*—Springfield: Benton Avenue, \$8.25; West Plains, \$1. Total, \$9.25.

Total to Special Fund, \$9.25.

Grand total, 113.85.

Southeast Indiana Conference.

MRS. C. S. CHAFEE, Treasurer, Laurel, Ind.

To General Fund.—CONNERSVILLE DISTRICT.—Brookville, \$12.50; thank-offering, \$9; Connersville, \$62.50; College Corner, \$13.70; Connersville (to make Mrs. Charles Sinko life member), \$24. Total, \$121.70.

INDIANAPOLIS DISTRICT.—Indianapolis: Broadway, \$3; Central Avenue, \$53.66; Hall Place, \$46; North Indianapolis, \$9.50; life member, \$20; Mission Band, \$1.36; Roberts Park, \$51.50; Shelbyville, \$46.25; Band, \$5; mite-box and Special General, \$29.92; Franklin, \$12.50. Total, \$278.69.

JEFFERSONVILLE DISTRICT.—Seymour, \$11.75. Total, \$11.75.

MOORESVILLE DISTRICT.—Aurora, \$9.75; Greensburg: First Church, \$21; Lawrenceburg, \$14.35; Madison, \$8; Rising Sun, \$15.25. Total, \$68.35.

Total to General Fund, \$480.49.

To Beneficiary Fund.—*To Ritter Home.*—Indianapolis: Hall Place, \$23. Total, \$23.

Total to Beneficiary Fund, \$23.

To Special Fund.—*To Emerson Home.*—Indianapolis: Central Avenue, \$10; Roberts Park, \$10; North Indianapolis, \$10. Total, \$30.

To Ritter Home.—Greensburg, \$10.90. Total, \$10.90.

To Mothers' Jewels Home.—Greensburg: First Church, from Sunday-school, \$10.25; a friend, \$24; Shelbyville, \$15. Total, \$49.25.

To Asheville Home.—To name a room, Elizabeth McIntosh, Connersville, \$22; College Corner, \$1.30. Total, \$23.30.

To Dakota Indians.—Roberts Park, \$2.50. Total, \$2.50.

To Deaconess Work.—Indianapolis: Roberts Park, \$18. Total, \$18.

Total to Special Fund, \$133.95.

Grand total, 637.44.

Southern California Conference.

MRS. W. B. ABERNETHY, Treasurer, Los Angeles, Cal.

To General Fund.—FRESNO DISTRICT.—Easton, \$7.65; Grangeville, \$15.30; Hanford, \$11.25; Lancaster, \$3; Reedley, \$25.85; Selma, \$3; Traver, \$12.55; Tulare, \$9; Visalia, \$5. Total, \$92.

SAN DIEGO DISTRICT.—Garden Grove, \$5; Ontario, \$53.35; Orange, \$23; Red Lands, \$30; Riverside, \$29; Santa Ana, \$24.65; San Bernardino, \$59.35; Westminster, \$8. Total, \$232.35.

SANTA BARBARA DISTRICT.—Arroyo Grande, \$6; Estrella, \$2; Goleta, \$15.25; Hueneme, \$14.50; Santa Barbara, \$17.90; Lompoc, \$5.50; Santa Paula, \$10; Sespe, \$3.50; Saticoy, \$15; San Luis Obispo, \$9; Nipomo, \$14.25. Total, \$112.90.

LOS ANGELES DISTRICT.—Alhambra, \$10; Artesia, \$7; Burbank, \$5; Compton, \$18.95; Covina, \$11.25; Florence, \$33.25; Gardena, \$2.55; Glendora, \$7.50; Long Beach, \$17; Los Angeles: Boyle Heights, \$22.65; Central, \$30; First Church, \$319.91; Pico Heights, \$7.75; Simpson, \$60; University, \$227.59; Vincent, \$62.60; Pasadena, \$128.19; Pomona, \$15; Redondo Beach, \$6; Simi, \$2.50. Total, \$994.69.

Total to General Fund, \$1,431.94.

Sent to Treasurer, \$215; disbursed in districts, \$1,216.94.

Southern Illinois Conference.

MRS. WILLIAM H. HYPES, Treasurer, Lebanon, Ill.

To General Fund.—LEBANON DISTRICT.—Lebanon, \$2.10; Conference collection, \$30. Total, \$32.10.

Total to General Fund, \$32.10.

To Special Fund.—To *Albuquerque Home*.—Newton, \$4. Total, \$4.

Total to Special Fund, \$4.00.

Grand total, 36.10.

South Kansas Conference.

MRS. M. V. ROBBINS, Treasurer, Baldwin, Kan.

To General Fund.—EMPORIA DISTRICT.—Emporia: First Church, \$13.50; T. O., \$2.78; toward life member, \$10. Total, \$26.28.

FORT SCOTT DISTRICT.—Fort Scott, \$10. Total, \$10.

INDEPENDENCE DISTRICT.—Chetopa, \$24.10. Total, \$24.10.

OTTAWA DISTRICT.—Baldwin, \$25.80; Special General, \$2.20; Garnet, \$14.50; Conference collection, \$4; toward making life member, \$8. Total, \$54.50.

Total to General Fund, \$114.88.

Southwest Kansas Conference.

MRS. J. W. KIRKWOOD, Treasurer, 325 N. Lawrence Avenue, Wichita, Kan.

To General Fund.—GARDEN CITY DISTRICT.—Dodge City, \$7. Total, \$7.

LARNED DISTRICT.—Chase, Rev. Woodard, \$1; Marion, \$7; Marion Circuit, \$1.75; Pleasant View, \$5; Scott City: Rev. Watson, \$2. Total, \$16.75.

MC PHERSON DISTRICT.—Marion, \$3.50. Total, \$3.50.

NEWTON DISTRICT.—Haven, \$3; Hutchinson, \$25.85; Mission Circle, \$2; Mitchel, \$16.25; Mission Band, \$0.76; Newton: First Church, \$25.50; Sedgwick, \$17.25. Total, \$90.61.

WICHITA DISTRICT.—Wichita: Dodge Avenue, \$14.75; Emporia Avenue, \$14.40; First Church, \$18.50; St. Paul, \$19.45. Total, \$67.10.

WINFIELD DISTRICT.—Anthony, \$3.75; Arkansas City, \$23.75; Wellington, \$29.40; Winfield, \$30.10. Total, \$87.

Total to General Fund, \$271.96.

To Beneficiary Fund. — <i>To Ritter Home.</i> —Sedgwick, \$20. Total, \$20.
Total to Beneficiary Fund, \$20.
To Special Fund. — <i>To Ritter Home.</i> —Marion, \$5; Newton, \$20; Dodge City, \$5; Wellington, \$10. Total, \$40.
<i>To Mothers' Jewels Home.</i> —Mitchell, \$1.69; Wichita: Dodge Avenue, \$1.10; First Church, \$2; Winfield, \$2.50. Total, \$7.29.
<i>To Frontier Work.</i> —Dr. Hinshaw, \$20; Conference collection, \$35.50. Total, \$55.50.
<i>To Deaconess Work.</i> —Wichita: First Church, \$9.40. Total, \$9.40.
Total to Special Fund, \$112.19.
Grand Total, 404.15.

Texas Conference.

MRS. MATTIE J. SCOTT, Secretary and Treasurer.

To General Fund. —Reported without special credits, \$101.95.
Total, \$101.95.
Total to General Fund, \$101.95.

Troy Conference.

MISS HELENA IDE, Treasurer, Lansingburg, N. Y.

To General Fund. —ALBANY DISTRICT.—Albany: First Church, \$28; Ash Grove, \$38; St. Luke's, \$9; Trinity, \$20; Amsterdam, \$15; Canajoharie, \$10; Greenbush, \$50; Tribes Hill, \$1.50; Schenectady: Albany Street, \$8; State Street, \$13; Seward, \$5. Total, \$197.50.
BURLINGTON DISTRICT.—Bennington, \$18; Burlington, \$44; Cambridge, \$9; Granville, \$43.50; Poultney, \$21; Middleburg, \$11. Total, \$146.50.
PLATTSBURG DISTRICT.—Fort Edward, \$19.50; Glens Falls, \$8.50; Mohriah, \$3.50; Plattsburg, \$23; Saranac, \$6.35; Sandy Hill, \$15.55; South Glens Falls, \$42.28; Ticonderoga, \$1; Wadham's Mills, \$3.15; Whitehall, \$6.36; Band, \$5.56; Westport, \$25. Total, \$159.75.
SARATOGA DISTRICT.—Cohoes: Runsen Street, \$27.50; Gloversville: First Church, \$80; Fremont Street, \$37; Green Island, \$8; Greenwich, \$27; Jonesville, \$9; Mechanicville, \$13; Saratoga, \$32; Band, \$18.10; Stillwater, \$2.75; Waterford, \$15; Willow Glen, \$5.25. Total, \$274.60.
TROY DISTRICT.—Hoosick Falls, \$16; Lansingburg: First Church, \$42; Heddings Church, \$18.50; Band, \$7.50; Pittsfield, \$21; Troy: State Street, \$52.29; Fifth Avenue, \$15; West Troy: First Avenue, \$22; Third Avenue, \$11; Band, \$21; Valley Falls, \$9; Total, \$235.29.

OTHER SOURCES.—By bequest, \$450. Total, \$450.

Special General Fund. — <i>To Miss Clegg's Salary.</i> —Albany: Ashgrove, \$20.50; First Church, \$40; St. Luke's, \$12; Trinity, \$3; Greenwich, \$5.36; Glens Falls, \$11; Gloversville: First Church, \$30; Greenbush, \$7; Green Island, \$12; Lansingburg: First Church, \$10; through Mrs. Squire, \$5; Middleburg, \$5; Plattsburg, \$10; Bennington, \$5; Burlington, \$20; Poultney: T. C. A., \$4.50; South Glens Falls, \$2; Schenectady: State Street, \$1.75; Saugus Hill, \$3.24; Troy: Fifth Avenue, \$50; West Troy: First Avenue, \$5; Third Avenue, \$12; Round Lake, \$2.25; Westport, \$8.02; Valley Falls, \$10; Valcour, \$3.50. Total, \$313.13.
Total to General Fund, \$1,776.77.

To Beneficiary Fund. — <i>To Deaconess Home, Washington.</i> —Glens Falls, \$150; Tremont Street Church, \$39. Total, \$189.
<i>To Stickney Home.</i> —Troy: Fifth Avenue, \$20. Total, \$20.
<i>To Ritter Home.</i> —Lansingburg: First Church, \$50. Total, \$50.
Total to Beneficiary Fund, \$259.

To Special Fund. — <i>To Navajo Work.</i> —Morristown, N. J., \$10; Conference collections, \$75.	Total, \$85.
<i>To Kent Home.</i> —Gloversville: First Church, \$2.	Total, \$2.
<i>To Stickney Home.</i> —Sandy Hill, \$0.45.	Total, \$0.45.
<i>To Italian Work, New York.</i> —Mechanicville, \$10.	Total, \$10.
<i>To Deaconess Home, Washington.</i> —South Gleus Falls, \$1.75.	Total, \$1.75.
<i>To Bohemian Work, Chicago.</i> —Albany: Trinity, \$3.	Total, \$3.
<i>To Mothers' Jewels Home.</i> —Albany; Ash Grove, \$2; Trinity, \$18.70; Bennington, \$26; Gloversville: Tremont Street, (for hospital), \$5; Lansingburg: Hedding, \$5; Plattsburg, Band, \$25; Stuyvesant Falls, \$4; Westport, \$1.30; West Troy: Third Avenue, \$3; Fifth Avenue, \$2.	Total, \$92.
Total to Special Fund,	\$194.20.
Grand total,	2,229.97.

Upper Iowa Conference.

MRS. R. B. VAN NESS, Treasurer, Marion, Iowa.

To General Fund. —CEDAR FALLS DISTRICT.—Cedar Falls, \$20; Janesville, \$8; LaPorte City, \$11.75; Nashua, \$8.50; Raymond, \$12; Rockford, \$5.75; Shell Rock, \$4; Waterloo, \$16; Waverly, \$12.77.	Total, \$98.77.
CEDAR RAPIDS DISTRICT.—Anamosa, \$23.75; Cedar Rapids, \$12; Iowa City, \$21.20; Marion, \$18.25; Mt. Vernon, \$30; Prairie Chapel, \$7; Simpson Chapel, \$2.50; Springdale, \$3.02; Tipton, \$9; Traer, \$5.75; West Branch, \$3.50; Wesley Chapel, \$3; Fairfax, \$12; Fairview, \$2.50.	Total, \$153.47.
DAVENPORT DISTRICT.—Clinton, \$25.50; Center Junction, \$8; Davenport: First Church, \$18; Fourteenth Street, \$10.25; De Witt, \$8; Mission Band, \$1; Mission Circle, \$0.50; Maquoketa, \$13; Vernon Prairie, \$8.50; Wyoming, \$4.	Total, \$96.75.
DUBUQUE DISTRICT.—Dubuque, \$24.50; Edgewood, \$5; Epworth, \$14; Fayette, \$22; Farley, \$7; Fairbank, \$10.10; Greeley, \$3.50; Hopkinton, \$8.35; Independence, \$14.50; Lamont, \$8; Manchester, \$93; Mission Circle, \$2.75; Prairie Center, \$7.67; Winthrop, \$6.50.	Total, \$226.87.
MARSHALLTOWN DISTRICT.—Blairstown, \$8; Belle Plain, \$12.25; Gilman, \$6.50; Hampton, \$30.75; Haven, \$5; Mason City, \$11.25; State Center, \$5.	Total, \$78.75.

Special General Fund. — <i>To Miss Johnston's Salary.</i> —Anamosa, \$15.10; Cedar Rapids, \$5; Raymond, \$3.05; Waterloo, \$10; Wesley Chapel, \$1.28; Vernon Prairie, to make life member, \$20; Fayette, \$10; Hopkinton, \$12.45; Manchester, \$22; Blairstown, \$6; State Center, E. L.: \$10; Davenport: Fourteenth Street, \$4.75; Epworth \$2; Farley, \$3.66; Fairview, \$3.01; Iowa City, \$45; Marion, mite-box, \$1.12; T. O., \$6.70; Traer, \$10; Clinton (to make two life members), \$40; Maquoketa, \$20; Edgewood, \$15; T. O., \$10.80; Gilman, T. O., \$2.55; State Center, T. O. \$7.29; Janesville, \$2.10.	Total, \$288.86.
Total to General Fund,	\$943.47.

To Beneficiary Fund. — <i>To E. L. Rust Home.</i> —For Belle Hughes: Raymond, \$12.	Total, \$12.
<i>To Peck Home.</i> —Cedar Falls (for Elvira Walmesley), \$13.	Total, \$13.
Total to Beneficiary Fund,	\$25.

To Special Fund. — <i>To Mothers' Jewels Home.</i> —Brush Creek, \$2.50; Fairfax, \$10; Independence, \$5; Iowa City (balance of Iowa City Room), \$10; Spring Dale, \$4; Raymond, \$2; West Branch, \$8.	Total \$41.50.
<i>To Peck Home.</i> —Cedar Falls, \$2; Waterloo (to make life member), \$10.	Total, \$12.

<i>To Lucy Webb Hayes Memorial Fund.</i> —Anamosa, \$2.50; Manchester, Y. P. M. C., \$4.50.	Total, \$7.
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<i>To Sibley Hospital.</i> —Center Junction, bequest of Mrs. McCormac, \$50;	
Raymond, \$50.	Total, \$100.
<i>To Bohemian Work.</i> —Davenport: First Church, \$5.	Total, \$5.
Total to Special Fund,	\$165.50.
Grand Total,	1,133.97.

Vermont Conference.

MRS. O. D. CLAPP, Treasurer, Windsor, Vermont.

To General Fund. —MONTPELIER DISTRICT.—Ascutneyville, \$6; Bradford, \$3; Bellows Falls, \$5; Hartland, \$9.50; Montpelier, \$20; Mission Circle, \$1.50; Northfield, \$15; Randolph, \$4; Union Village, \$7; White River Junction, \$11.75; Woodstock, \$16.90; Windsor, \$6.60. Total, \$106.25.	
ST. ALBANS DISTRICT.—Enosburg Falls, \$13.50; mite-box, \$2; Fairfax, \$12.10; Franklin, \$10.25; Richford, \$7; St. Albans, \$21; Waitsfield, \$2; mite-box, \$5.30; Morrisville, \$2.50.	Total, \$75.65.
ST. JOHNSBURY DISTRICT.—Barre, \$37; Bradford, \$11; Cabot, \$15; mite-box, \$0.60; Groton, \$3.50; Glover, \$5; Island Pond, \$8; Plainfield, \$3.50; St. Johnsbury, \$30; St. Johnsbury Center, \$14; West Burke, \$14; Williamstown, \$3.	Total, \$144.60.
Conference Collection, \$48.	Total, \$48.
Total to General Fund,	\$374.50.

To Beneficiary Fund. — <i>To Stickney Home.</i> —For Hannah Thomas, Barre, \$10; Conference Auxiliary, \$12.35; Bellows Falls, \$10; St. Johnsbury, \$5; St. Johnsbury Center, \$1.65; West Berkshire, \$6.	Total, \$45.
<i>To Mothers' Jewels Home.</i> —West Berkshire, \$5; Waitsfield (for Bonnie Douglas), \$2; Northfield, \$3.30; St. Albans, \$1.55; Island Pond, \$4.	Total, \$15.85.
Total to Beneficiary Fund,	\$60.85.

To Special Fund. — <i>To Mothers' Jewels Home.</i> —Montpelier: mite-boxes, \$23.76; Randolph, \$0.40; Chelsea, \$1.10; Bradford: mite-boxes, \$0.84; Derby: mite-boxes, \$6; St. Johnsbury Center: mite-box, \$0.20; Newbury: mite-boxes, \$3.50; interest on Lovina Hagins bequest, \$10.50; St. Albans: life membership, \$5; Woodstock: mite-boxes, \$4.34.	Total, \$55.64.
<i>To Bohemian Work.</i> —West Enosburg, \$5.	Total, \$5.
<i>To New Jersey Home.</i> , \$22.85.	Total, \$22.85.
Total to Special Fund,	\$83.49.
Grand total,	518.84.

West Nebraska Conference.

MRS. G. L. HAIGHT, Treasurer, Kearney, Nebraska.

To General Fund. —KEARNEY DISTRICT.—Gothenburg, \$10.50; Kearney, \$10.25; Loup City, \$9.50; Overton: Band, \$1.85.	Total, \$32.10.
Total to General Fund,	\$32.10.

West Wisconsin Conference.

MRS. E. C. DIXON, Treasurer, Onalaska, Wis.

To General Fund. —ASHLAND DISTRICT.—New Richmond, \$3.20.	Total, \$3.20.
EAU CLAIRE DISTRICT.—Bay City, \$6.50; Esdaile, \$2; Eau Claire: Lake Street, \$26; Mission Band, \$1.45; River Falls, \$4.75; Hudson, \$10.75; toward life member, \$5.	Total, \$56.45.

LA CROSSE DISTRICT.—Baraboo, \$53.50; to make life member, \$9; Black River Falls, \$19. Total, \$81.50.

MADISON DISTRICT.—Madison, \$13.70; Montfort, \$5.50; Verona, \$10. Total, \$29.20.

PLATTSVILLE DISTRICT.—Dodgeville, \$8; Fennimore, \$8.50; Georgetown, \$11; Plattsburg: Mission Circle, \$25.05; Soldiers Grove, \$1. Total, \$53.55.

Total to General Fund, \$223.90.

To Beneficiary Fund.—*To Ritter Home.*—Plattsburg District: for Sallie Willingham, \$10. Total, \$10.

To Simpson Home.—Plattsburg: Mission Circle, for Jessie Porter, \$10; Total, \$10.

Total to Beneficiary Fund, \$20.

To Special Fund.—*To Bohemian Work, Chicago.*—Eau Claire: Lake Street, \$1.70; T. O., \$7.95; Esdale: mite-boxes, \$8.13. Total, \$17.78.

Total to Special Fund, \$17.78.

Grand total, 261.68.

Wilmington Conference.

MRS. E. J. ROBINSON, Treasurer, Wilmington, Del.

To General Fund.—WILMINGTON DISTRICT.—Elkston, \$22.30; Epworth Memorial, \$5; Newark, \$7; Mission Band, \$3.75; Middletown, \$25; New Castle, \$21.95; mite-boxes, \$10.26; Port Deposit, \$12.25; mite-boxes, \$4.43; Rising Sun: Mission Band, \$23.50; mite-boxes, \$4; Wilmington: Asbury, \$22.75; mite-boxes, \$9.26; Mission Band, \$3.50; Epworth, \$8; mite-boxes, \$5; Grace, \$62; mite-boxes, \$19.26; Mission Circle, \$2; Junior Circle, \$1.25; mite-boxes, \$8.25; Boys' League, \$3.50; St. Paul's, \$43; mite-boxes, \$17.19; Mission Band, \$7.10; Union, \$46.30; mite-boxes, \$13.73; Scott, \$41.25; Mission Circle, \$1.90; Snow Hill, \$6; Conference collection, \$58. Total, \$526.74.

EASTON DISTRICT.—Middletown, \$26; mite-boxes, \$2.13. Total, \$28.13.

SALISBURY DISTRICT.—Newark, \$11.50; Salisbury, \$32; Snow Hill, \$3.75; King's Wood, \$1. Total, \$48.25.

Special General Fund.—*To Miss Page's Salary.*—Grace, \$10.75; Newark, \$2; Port Deposit, \$5.26. Total, \$18.01.

Total to General Fund, \$621.13.

To Beneficiary Fund.—*To Ritter Home.*—Newark, \$33.01.

Total, \$33.01.

Total to Beneficiary Fund, \$33.01.

To Special Fund.—*To Mothers' Jewels Home.*—Newark, \$3.50; New Castle, \$1.90; Scott, \$38.80; Salisbury, \$0.60; Union, \$0.40; Wilmington: Asbury, \$1.50; Epworth, \$1; Grace, \$1.60; St. Paul, \$0.60. Total, \$49.90.

To Deaconess Work.—Dover District, \$5; Wilmington: Grace, \$12.5; Boys' League, \$10; St. Paul, \$5; New Castle, \$5; Port Deposit, \$5. Total, \$155.

Total to Special Fund, \$204.90.

Grand total, 859.04.

Wisconsin Conference.

MRS R. W. BATES, Secretary and Treasurer, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

To General Fund.—APPLETON DISTRICT.—Appleton, \$5.50; T. O., \$7.13; Delavan, \$1.92. Total, \$14.55.

FOND DU LAC DISTRICT.—Fond du Lac, \$19.35; T. O., \$10; Cotton Street, \$5.50; Oshkosh: First Church, \$7; Alyoma Street, \$3; Ripon, \$3; Conference collection, \$5. Total, \$52.85.

Total to General Fund, \$67.40.

Wyoming Conference.

MRS. F. H. HASKINS, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—BINGHAMTON DISTRICT.—Binghamton: Centenary, \$33.50; Special General, \$4.25; Mission Band, \$6.30; Chenango Street, \$2.25; Special General, \$6; High Street, \$15.88; Tabernacle, \$68.50; Special General, \$13.61; Mission Band, \$3.50; Special General, \$0.26; Dalton: Special General, \$1; Kirkwood: Special General, \$2; Lestershire: Special General, \$1; Maine, \$6; Newton: Special General, \$1. Total, \$165.05.

CHENANGO DISTRICT.—Edmiston: Special General, \$1; Hornbrook: Special General, \$2; Mt. Upton, \$5; Norwich, \$15.04; Special General, \$2.96; Mission Band, \$0.66; Oxford, \$12.50; Sidney Center: Special General, \$1. Total, \$40.16.

HONESDALE DISTRICT.—Carbondale, \$7.50; Dunmore, \$26.50; Special General, \$25.50; Jermyn, \$26; mite-box, \$1.33; Special General, \$15; Lake Como: Special General, \$1; Sterling: Special General, \$1; Gilbertsville: Special General, \$1. Total, \$104.83.

ONEONTA DISTRICT.—Oxford, \$3.25. Total, \$3.25.

OWEGO DISTRICT.—Milford, \$11; Morris: Special General, \$1; Newark Valley, \$23; Mission Circle, \$1.50; Band, \$2.80; Owego, \$10; Waverly, \$19.25; West Pittston, \$6.25. Total \$74.80.

WYOMING DISTRICT.—Kingston, \$34.25; Special General, \$2; Lackawanna Special General, \$3; Lehman Special General, \$1; Luzerne Special General, \$1; Nanticoke, \$14; Special General, \$5; Scranton: First Church, \$30.82; Park Place Special General, \$1; Providence, \$7; Simpson, \$41; Tunkhannock, \$5.04; West Pittston, \$17.25; Wilkesbarre: Central Church, \$18.50; First Church, \$36; Mission Circle, \$10; Special General, \$40. Total, \$266.86.

Total to General Fund, \$654.95.

To Beneficiary Fund.—*To E. L. Rust Home.*—Binghamton: Tabernacle Mission Band (for Julia Harris), \$25. Total, \$25

Total to Beneficiary Fund, \$25.

To Special Fund.—*To Immigrants' Home.*—Dunmore Mission Band, \$10.52; Binghamton: Tabernacle, \$14.50; Simpson Church, \$25. Total, \$50.02.

To Mothers' Jewels Home.—Binghamton: Tabernacle, \$5.70; Band, \$2; Scranton: First Church, \$2.20; Simpson, \$11; West Pittston, 50 cents; Wilkesbarre Mission Circle, \$25; Dunmore Mission Band, \$5. Total, \$51.40.

To Glenn Home.—Binghamton: Tabernacle, \$20; Wilkesbarre: Central, \$5. Total, \$25.

To Lucy Webb Hayes Home.—Binghamton: Tabernacle, \$20; Wilkesbarre: First Church, \$80. Total, \$100.

Italian Home, New York.—Binghamton: Tabernacle, \$20.71; Scranton: First Church, \$29.29. Total, \$50.

To Navajoies.—Binghamton: Chenango Street, \$6; High Street, \$1; Dalton, \$1; Kirkwood, \$2; Newton, \$1; Hornbrook, \$2; Lake Como, \$1; Sterling, \$1; Gilbertsville, \$1; Morris, \$1; Edmiston, \$1; Sidney: Center, \$1; Lackawanna, \$3; Lehman, \$1; Luzerne, \$1; Park Place, \$1; West Pittston, \$25. Total, \$50.

Total to Special Fund, \$326.42.

Grand total, 1,006.37.

SUMMARY.

Receipts for General Fund.

CONFERENCES.	CONFERENCES.
Baltimore,	\$1,621 93
California,	291 50
Central Illinois,	94 66
Central Missouri,	15 60
Central New York,	1,084 25
Central Ohio,	987 05
Central Pennsylvania,	619 52
Cincinnati,	1,222 92
Colorado,	259 94
Columbia River,	18 50
Des Moines,	46 35
Detroit,	1,348 44
East Maine,	18 75
East Ohio,	969 38
East Tennessee,	57 85
Erie,	982 19
Florida,	96 66
Genesee,	1,335 56
Holston,	28 25
Illinois,	223 09
Indiana,	27 00
Iowa,	114 20
Kansas,	171 21
Kentucky,	20 25
Lexington,	4 25
Little Rock,	31 70
Louisiana,	39 00
Maine,	766 35
Michigan,	1,259 62
Minnesota,	261 51
Missouri,	61 45
Nebraska,	386 47
Newark,	1,034 80
New England,	1,929 07
New England Southern,	748 50
New Hampshire,	363 20
New Jersey,	711 85
New York,	1,193 49
	\$37,508 45
Borrowed from Special Fund,	28,401 36
On notes,	14,633 33
	\$80,543 14

Expenditures of General Fund.

Paid loan borrowed last year from Special Fund,	\$28,401 36	Paid Indian work in agencies,	627 40
" On notes,	14,633 33	" Stickney Home, . . .	501 77
" Missionaries:		" Mothers' Jewels Home (salaries),	876 28
In the South,	9,575 84	" Immigrant Girls' Home and Italian work, N. Y.,	2,545 00
New Mexico:		" Immigrants' Home, Boston,	675 00
Spanish work, . . .	1,199 49		
Indian work, . . .	1,238 78		
In Utah,	2,280 15		

Paid Lucy Webb Hayes		Paid Asheville,	\$401 11
Home and Training-school, salary, travel, and current expenses,	\$1,568 05	“ Boylan,	110 00
“ Bohemian work, Chicago,	2,737 27	“ Browning,	150 60
“ Conference Organizers,	529 82	“ E. L. Rust,	50 00
“ Expenses of Executive Board, including clerical help, postage, and office expenses,	1,828 01	“ Emerson,	34 00
“ Printing,	1,005 15	“ Haven,	600 00
“ Bureau Secretaries,	325 01	“ King,	60 70
“ Interest,	840 48	“ New Jersey,	75 00
“ Insurance,	705 69	“ Peck,	65 50
“ Small bills as shown by receipts, contingent expenses, Homes—repairs, furnishings, and incidentals:	286 54	“ Ritter,	100 00
“ A. M. Smith,	67 63	“ Simpson,	126 25
		“ Speedwell,	75 00
		“ Thayer,	245 00
		Tuition and board received and expended in Homes,	2,000 00
		“ On back salaries,	977 13
		“ To Special Fund,	3,030 80
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			\$80,543 14

Receipts for Beneficiary Fund.

Balance from last year,	\$1,582 76	CONFERENCES.	
CONFERENCES.			
Baltimore,	135 00	New Jersey,	\$135 00
Central Illinois,	20 00	New York,	131 00
Central New York,	227 50	North Indiana,	30 00
Central Ohio,	181 69	North Nebraska,	5 15
Central Pennsylvania,	35 00	North Ohio,	90 00
Cincinnati,	55 00	Northern New York,	64 43
Colorado,	24 10	Northwest Iowa,	8 21
Detroit,	43 65	Ohio,	159 75
East Ohio,	82 00	Philadelphia,	115 00
Erie,	167 80	Pittsburg,	50 00
Genesee,	160 00	Puget Sound,	4 20
Illinois,	16 35	Rock River,	40 00
Indiana,	32 00	Southeast Indiana,	23 00
Maine,	22 10	Southwest Kansas,	20 00
Michigan,	32 29	Troy,	259 00
Minnesota,	41 50	Upper Iowa,	25 00
Nebraska,	14 07	Vermont,	60 85
Newark,	382 50	West Wisconsin,	20 00
New England,	313 43	Wilmington,	33 01
New England, Southern,	125 00	Wyoming,	25 00
New Hampshire,	38 00		<hr/>
			\$5,030 34

Expenditures of Beneficiary Fund.

Paid students in Homes:		Paid Emerson,	\$60 00
“ A. M. Smith,	\$70 00	“ Haven,	203 15
“ Asheville,	18 00	“ Italian Girls' Home, New York,	145 07
“ Boylan,	301 50	“ Kent,	50 74
“ Browning,	80 50	“ King,	55 00
“ E. L. Rust,	187 00		

Paid students in Homes:

" Lucy Webb Hayes
Training-school,
" Mothers' Jewels
Home,
" New Jersey,
" Peck,

\$130 00
310 21
118 00
105 00

Paid Ritter,
" Simpson,
" Speedwell,
" Stickney,
" Thayer,

\$574 61
205 00
125 00
140 10
253 70
\$3,132 58

Receipts for Special Fund.

Balance from last year, . . . \$2,650 81
CONFERENCES.

Baltimore, 12,726 02
California, 10 00
Central New York, 344 05
Central Ohio, 712 16
Central Pennsylvania, 125 90
Cincinnati, 3,033 83
Colorado, 77 52
Detroit, 2,437 44
East Ohio, 531 52
Erie, 149 10
Florida, 25 00
Genesee, 1,222 57
Illinois, 139 36
Indiana, 17 00
Iowa, 36 40
Kansas, 68 50
Maine, 53 50
Michigan, 629 01
Minnesota, 2 60
Missouri, 90
Nebraska, 48 92
Newark, 832 83
New England, 1,117 12
New England, Southern, 36 44
New Hampshire, 25 75
New Jersey, 76 87
New York, 203 57

CONFERENCES.

New York, East, \$1,873 72
North Indiana, 72 77
North Nebraska, 41 55
North Ohio, 121 30
Northern New York, 164 28
Northwest Indiana, 1 20
Northwest Iowa, 215 48
Northwest Kansas, 23 55
Ohio, 237 17
Oregon, 41 25
Philadelphia, 2,715 15
Pittsburg, 1,520 29
Rock River, 1,488 64
St. Louis, 9 25
Southeast Indiana, 133 95
Southern Illinois, 4 00
Southwest Kansas, 112 19
Troy, 194 20
Upper Iowa, 165 50
Vermont, 83 49
West Wisconsin, 17 78
Wilmington, 204 90
Wyoming, 326 42
Other sources, 84 63
Balance from General
Fund paid to Special, 3,030 80
\$40,218 15

Expenditures of Special Fund.

Paid to Homes:

" A. M. Smith, \$7 00
" Asheville, 50 00
" Boylan, 40 00
" E. L. Rust, 288 86
" Haven, 378 98
" King, 6 00
" Clarkson, 400 00
" Ritter, 1,500 00
" Peck, 154 36
" Simpson, 10 00
" Thayer, 40 00
" Mothers' Jewels Home,
on Building Fund and
Land Endowment, 5,132 90
" Hospital Fund, 210 09
" current expenses, 3,026 71

Paid Alaska, \$2,092 22
" Spanish work, New
Mexico (Dulce), 353 13
" Immigrant Girls' Home,
New York, 196 92
" Immigrants' Home,
East Boston, 726 55
" Glenn Home Building
Fund, 668 95
" current expenses, in-
cluding salaries, 905 14
Interest, by Mrs. Dy-
mond, 500 00
" to Homes:
" School of Domestic
Science, \$1,362 53

Paid Bohemian work, Chicago,	\$1,395 03	Paid Building Fund,	\$789 00
" Italian work, Chicago,	84 50	" Brooklyn,	1,861 72
" Italian work, New York,	141 01	" Buffalo,	1,059 15
" Lucy Webb Hayes Training-school,	32 00	" Cleveland,	467 68
District work, reported by vouchers:		" Detroit,	557 35
Paid Detroit Conference,	\$2,437 44	" Grand Rapids,	117 62
" Michigan Conference,	555 27	" Philadelphia,	2,442 94
Deaconess work, as reported by vouchers:		" Pittsburgh,	1,504 89
Paid Baltimore,	\$666 08	" Syracuse,	190 50
		" Washington,	1,089 29
		" on note to Mrs. V. C. Kinney,	2,000 00
		" on note to Mr. Sibley,	2,500 00
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			\$37,941 91

General Cash Account.

RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR:—

General Fund,	\$37,508 45
Borrowed from Special Fund,	28,401 36
On notes,	14,633 33
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Beneficiary Fund,	\$5,030 34
Special Fund,	37,187 35
Balance from General Fund paid to Special,	3,030 80
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	40,218 15
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	\$125,791 63

PAID DURING THE YEAR:

General Fund,	\$80,543 14
Beneficiary Fund,	3,132 58
Special Fund,	37,941 91
Cash balance Beneficiary,	1,897 76
Cash balance Special,	2,276 24
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	\$125,791 63

Balance to next year, \$27,212 90

Cash in Treasury—

To Beneficiary Fund,	\$1,897 76
To Special Fund,	2,276 24
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	\$4,174 00
Due from loan to General Fund,	23,038 90
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	\$27,212 90

We have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and find them correct.

MRS. WM. C. HERRON,
 MRS. JAMES DALE,
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BUREAU OF SUPPLIES.

CONFÉRENCES.	ESTIMATED VALUE.	CONFÉRENCES.	ESTIMATED VALUE.
Baltimore,	\$1,705 95	New York,	\$3,149 20
Central New York, . . .	2,009 65	New York East,	319 95
California,	1,584 60	North Indiana,	415 15
Central Ohio,	356 00	North Nebraska,	875 95
Central Pennsylvania, . . .	678 40	North Ohio,	1,136 95
Cincinnati,	1,367 55	Northern New York,	862 65
Colorado,	1,932 70	Northwest Indiana,	309 15
Detroit,	2,736 10	Northwest Iowa,	529 80
East Maine,	14 00	Northwest Kansas,	20 00
East Ohio,	1,099 20	Ohio,	1,566 55
Erie,	2,320 15	Philadelphia,	3,532 30
Genesee,	4,457 83	Pittsburg,	3,336 25
Illinois,	494 00	Rock River,	1,859 55
Indiana,	27 50	St. Louis,	30 00
Iowa,	478 45	South Kansas,	37 55
Kansas,	151 35	Southeast Indiana,	360 05
Kentucky,	165 75	Troy,	2,132 35
Maine,	1,086 55	Upper Iowa,	603 30
Michigan,	1,263 05	Vermont,	567 95
Minnesota,	1,351 60	West Nebraska,	40 00
Missouri,	18 00	West Wisconsin,	330 80
Nebraska,	1,464 85	Wyoming,	1,019 45
Newark,	3,192 65	Conference not named,	289 45
New England,	3,277 95	For special cases,	50 00
New England Southern, . . .	847 65		
New Hampshire,	516 40	Total,	\$59,781 03
New Jersey,	808 80		

Local Work.

CONFÉRENCES.	CONFÉRENCES.
Baltimore,	\$161 10
Central Pennsylvania, . . .	363 46
Colorado,	52 50
Des Moines,	16 67
Detroit,	1,071 33
East Ohio,	401 45
Genesee,	330 30
Holston,	728 50
Illinois,	132 50
Little Rock,	23 50
Michigan,	10 20
Minnesota,	346 07
Nebraska,	251 01
Newark,	297 14
New England,	603 58
New Hampshire,	69 00
New York East,	2,787 84
North Indiana,	2,049 43
	Total,
	\$15,693 16

MRS. JAMES DALE, *Secretary.*

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“ N. J. Allison.	“ Rose Coleman.	“ S. E. Groesbeck.
“ Margaret Alspaugh.	“ Sade Colt.	Miss Emma J. Hale.
“ Gail Anderson.	“ Fannie L. Combs.	Mrs. John M. Hall.
“ S. N. Andrews.	“ A. L. Confer.	“ Anna Hamilton.
“ Marion Andrews.	“ W. F. Cooper.	“ Kate Hamilton.
“ Elizabeth H. Antrim.	“ L. O. Cook.	“ Mary Handy.
“ Susan Arnold.	“ Julia Craig.	“ Ruth Hanson.
“ J. G. Aton.	Miss May Craven.	“ N. G. Harden.
“ Sophia Bach.	Mrs. Agnes Crinklaw.	“ B. F. Haywood.
“ S. B. Bacon.	“ Harriet Curl.	“ Mary Haywood.
“ Mary Bailey.	“ Thomas H. Curry.	“ Elizabeth Heck.
“ Lydia Bardwick.	“ Eliza Curry.	Dr. T. E. Hinshaw.
“ Mary Clara Bayliss.	“ D. Dailey, Jr.	Miss Jessie B. Hildreth.
“ W. A. Barr.	“ Lydia Carey Davis.	“ Sadie E. Hill.
Miss Ada Beams.	“ E. Davis.	Mrs. Elizabeth Hinder- lighter.
Mrs. Sarah Becker.	“ J. R. Day.	“ W. H. Holmes.
“ Herbert Benedict.	“ Hortense Desham.	“ Emma A. Howel.
“ C. F. Bickford.	“ R. A. Decker.	“ Juliette Howel.
“ Frances S. Bilger.	“ Clara Deering.	“ Juliette Hubley.
“ J. E. Bills.	Miss L. Doane.	“ G. H. Humason.
“ Priscilla Birch.	“ Anna M. Dodd.	Miss Cora Hurd.
“ A. T. Bliss.	Mrs. Sarah Dorian.	Mrs. Elizabeth Jackson.
“ Adeline Bonnell.	“ Martin Dresback.	“ Mrs. Laura L. Jacoby.
“ F. G. Borges.	“ Emma Duesler.	“ Ralph Colton Jones.
“ Rachel Bostwick.	“ Sarah Duston.	“ Anna E. W. Keller.
“ Margaret Bowers.	“ Elia C. Elmer.	“ O. H. Kellogg.
“ Mary R. Brewer.	“ Eliza English.	“ Mary A. Kelsey.
“ John Brooks.	“ James Erwin.	“ J. P. Kessler.
“ Rosette Brockway.	“ J. B. Espy.	“ J. P. Kern.
“ Eliza A. Bryant.	“ A. Estill.	“ Addie E. King.
“ J. R. Budd.	“ O. A. Fairchild.	“ Seth Knight.
“ C. L. Bullock.	“ Thomas Falyn.	“ J. A. Kummer.
“ Mary A. Bunn.	Miss Maggie Feehan.	“ Ebenezer Lane.
“ David Burkey.	Mrs. C. M. Ferguson.	“ Ella F. Lank.
“ Minnie Byles.	“ E. S. Ferguson.	“ Clara Latshaw.
“ Martha E. Cameron.	Miss Ella L. Ferris.	“ G. R. Laubscher.
Miss Charlotte Cannon.	Mrs. Margaret E. Ferry.	“ E. R. Leadom.
Mrs. Asa M. Capen.	Miss May Finley.	“ Rose Lenard.
Miss Ella M. Capron.	Mrs. Rev. G. K. Flack.	“ Mary E. Lewis.
Dr. Milton T. Carey, Jr.	“ John A. Fleicher.	“ L. S. Lincoln.
Mrs. Mary J. Carleton.	“ Salome Folkerts.	“ M. R. Lincoln.
“ Marietta S. Case.	Miss Edith Ella Ford.	“ L. S. Letney.
“ E. E. Caster.	Mrs. Sarah C. Foster.	“ Wm. Lools.
“ W. Chambers.	“ E. O. French.	Miss Clara E. Lovelond.
“ E. D. Chamberlin.	“ Anna Fry.	Dr. Angie Knap Lyons.
“ Mary Chantler.	“ J. E. Funk.	Mrs. N. G. Lyons.
Miss Louise Chase.	“ Lydia Gardner.	“ Martha Macender.
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“ L. P. Church.	“ S. M. Gilcrise.	

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" G. H. Mason.	" Dr. Pickens.	" Isabella Spurlock.
" Mary McBride.	Miss Laura E. Poe.	Miss Emma Stanley.
" A. W. McCart.	" Carrie M. Prentiss.	Mrs. Elvira Stewart.
" Kate McCormick.	Mrs. J. Raub.	" A. E. Strong.
" E. McCracken.	" Annie R. Raymond.	" J. E. Stubbs.
" Robert McElroy.	" Rebecca Remund.	" Levi Tillotson.
" T. J. McElhenny.	" Philo Remington.	" C. G. Thomas.
" Martha McKinder.	" Margaret Rhea.	" W. Thompson.
" Nancy McRoberts.	" J. B. Rick.	" Eleanor Trofton.
" Harriet Messick.	" Nancy Richards.	" C. A. Van Anda.
" Sarah J. Milhenning.	" Marcia Richardson.	" S. A. Van Horne.
" Sophia Miner.	" J. B. Risk.	" Mary Van Schoick
" Dora F. Mitchell.	" Elizabeth Robinson.	Miss Pearl Verigan.
" C. D. Myers.	" Susannah Robinson.	Mrs. M. D. Ward.
Miss Daisy Neale.	" T. N. Rogers.	" E. A. Warner.
Mrs. Franklin Nichols.	" Wm. Rogers.	" Kate Weekerly.
" J. I. Nickerson.	" Susan Rownd.	" R. E. Wenck.
" Mary B. Oliver.	" Annie Sanderson.	" Carrie L. Whitbeck.
" J. M. Osbund.	Miss Florence Sargent.	Miss Mary Wiggin.
" Mary S. Ott.	Mrs. D. F. Sawyer.	Mrs. Anna Wilkinson.
" Henry T. Palmer.	" Fannie M. Scoles.	" Kate D. Wilson.
" Mary Palmer.	" W. O. Shepard.	" Emma Wing.
" S. J. Passwater.	" F. D. Sheets.	" James Wood.
Miss J. Patterson.	" Mary J. Shelley.	" Elizabeth Wright.
Mrs. Wm. H. Pearce.	" Celentia Shuman.	" J. D. Weyman.
" R. Pearson.	" Elizabeth Simpson.	" E. H. Yocom.
" Almira T. Peck.	" C. N. Sinks.	" W. H. York.
Mrs. David Peirson.	" Jennie Skelton.	" Mary York.
" J. R. Penn.	" Christine N. Smith.	" D. F. Young.
" Mary B. Perrine.	" W. S. Smithers.	" J. H. Zartman.
	Miss Susan Snavely.	

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Woman's Home Missionary Society

OF THE
Methodist Episcopal Church.

ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF 1884.

ARTICLE I.—Name.

THIS organization shall be known as the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

ARTICLE II.—Objects.

The aim of this Society shall be to enlist and organize the efforts of Christian women in behalf of the needy and destitute women and children of all sections of our country, without distinction of race, and to co-operate with the other societies and agencies of the Church in educational and missionary work.

ARTICLE III.—Organization.

SECTION 1. The officers of the Society shall be a President, five Vice-presidents, a Corresponding and a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and twelve Resident Managers, who, together, shall constitute the General Executive Board, and reside in, or not remote from, the city of Cincinnati.

SEC. 2. The annual meetings of the Board of Managers shall be held in the city of Cincinnati, unless otherwise provided, and shall consist of the General Executive Board, together with the Corresponding Secretary and one delegate from each Conference.

SEC. 3. The work of the Annual Session shall be:

(1.) To elect the General Executive Board for the ensuing year.

(2.) To take into consideration the demands of the entire work of the Society, designating fields of labor, examining the reports of missionaries already employed, and selecting beneficiaries; to estimate the needs of the mission fields, determine the amounts to be raised, and to devise means for carrying forward the work of the Society; to appropriate its receipts in accordance with the purposes and methods herein indicated; to arrange with the several Conference Secretaries the work to be undertaken by each Conference, and, until such time as the conference organizations are complete, to appoint a suitable person to fill the place of Corresponding Secretary of the conference work in the several Conferences.

(3.) To transact any other business that the interests of the Society may demand; provided all its plans and directions shall be in harmony with this Constitution.

SEC. 4. In the event of a vacancy in the General Executive Board occurring *ad interim* the place shall be filled by the Executive Board.

SEC. 5. The General Executive Board shall meet quarterly, or oftener, at the call of the President and Recording Secretary, and seven shall constitute a quorum to do business.

SEC. 6. The duties of the General Executive Board shall be:

(1.) To execute all orders of the Board of Managers.

(2.) To determine all matters referred to them by the Board.

(3.) To administer all the affairs of the Society between the annual sessions of the Board of Managers.

SEC. 7. The duties of the President, Vice-presidents, and Recording Secretary shall be such as usually devolve upon such officers.

SEC. 8. The duty of the Corresponding Secretary shall be to make herself acquainted with the needs and opportunities of the mission-field, to correspond with missionaries and with the Conference Secretaries, and to furnish the Conference Boards with all needful information; also to secure from them the details of their work, which will be necessary to make quarterly reports to the Executive Board and annual reports to the Board of Managers concerning the condition and needs of the mission-field, and publish the same for the information of the membership.

SEC. 9. The Treasurer shall keep a regular account of the receipts and disbursements of the Society, report the state of the funds at the Annual Meeting and at each regular meeting of the Executive Board, pay only such bills as it shall direct, each order being signed by the President and Recording Secretary, and she shall make such disposition of the funds in her hands as the Executive Board may approve. At the close of the year the accounts shall be audited by a competent person selected for the purpose.

ARTICLE IV.—Conference Organization.

SECTION 1. A Conference Society shall consist of all the Auxiliary Societies in a given Conference, together with a Conference Executive Board. It shall take the name of the Conference in which it is located.

SEC. 2. The officers of the Conference Society shall be a President, one Vice-president, and one or more Managers from each presiding elder's district, a Corresponding and a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer (the Corresponding Secretary may also be the Treasurer). These officers shall constitute the Executive Board of the Conference Society for the administration of the affairs of the Society, and five shall constitute a quorum. These officers shall be elected at the Annual Meeting, and hold office till others are chosen.

SEC. 3. The duties of the Executive Board shall be:

To co-operate in plans for the permanent establishment of the Society within the Conference bounds; to provide for an Annual Meeting and arrange anniversary exercises; and to transact any other business that the interests of the Society may demand, provided its action is in harmony with this Constitution.

SEC. 4. (1.) The duties of the President and Recording Secretary shall be such as usually appertain to their respective offices, and to co-operate with the Corresponding Secretary, Vice-presidents, Managers, and Treasurer in organizing and conducting the work.

(2.) The duties of the Vice-presidents and Managers shall be to organize Auxiliaries in their respective districts, and by all proper means to awaken missionary interest and zeal.

(3.) The duties of the Corresponding Secretary shall be to attend the session of the Annual Conference; to endeavor to interest ministers and ladies in the work of the Society; to organize Auxiliary Societies in the various charges in the Conference, and, as soon as practicable, to effect a Conference organization in harmony with the Constitution; to conduct the correspondence of the Society with the General Executive Board, with Auxiliary Societies within the Conference, with such missionaries in the field and beneficiaries in the schools as are supported by the Conference; to forward quarterly to the Corresponding Secretary of the General Executive Board a full statement of the work of the Conference Society, and to present an annual report to the Board of Managers at the Annual Meeting.

(4.) The duty of the Treasurer, who may also be Corresponding Secretary, shall be to receive and forward all funds of the Society monthly, keeping a book account, and to make a quarterly report of the same to the Treasurer of the General Executive Board.

SEC. 5.—**Special Work.**—Individuals, Auxiliaries, or Conference Societies may, subject to the approval of the Conference Board and of the General Executive Board, select special fields of labor, and provide for the support of missionaries therein employed, and they may also educate beneficiaries selected by themselves.

ARTICLE V.—Auxiliary Societies.

SECTION 1. Ten or more women who shall organize under the Constitution and By-laws for Auxiliaries, and pay their annual dues, thereby become a Society auxiliary to the Conference Society, and are entitled to one delegate to the Annual Meeting of the Conference Board. And the pastor shall report the collections of this Society at the Annual Conference.

SEC. 2. Auxiliary Societies, or local Committees, when there is no Conference Society yet established, shall report to the Conference Secretary appointed by the General Executive Board. When there is no Secretary in the Conference within the territorial bounds of which they are, they shall report to the Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary of the General Executive Board.

ARTICLE VI.—Membership.

The payment of one dollar annually shall constitute membership, and twenty dollars life membership. Any person paying one hundred dollars shall become an Honorary Manager for life, and the contribution of three hundred dollars shall constitute the donor an Honorary Patron for life.

ARTICLE VII.—Relations to Other Branches of Church Work.

SECTION 1. This Society will engage exclusively in missionary labor in our own land, and it will work in harmony with the connectional societies of the Church.

a. The appointment, employment, and remuneration of its missionaries shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

b. The fields of labor and the general plans and designs of work of this Society shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

c. All the missionaries supported by the Woman's Home Missionary Society shall labor under the direction of the authorities of the Missionary Society, and if in a mission, shall be subject to the same rules and regulations that govern the other missionaries in that particular mission.

SEC. 2. The funds of the Woman's Home Missionary Society shall not be raised by collections, nor by subscriptions taken during any regular Church service, nor in Sunday-schools, but shall be raised by securing members, life members, honorary members, managers, and patrons, by collections taken in audiences convened in the interests of the Society, and by other methods (such as fairs, festivals, lectures, etc.) which will not interfere with the collections and contributions for the treasury of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church; and the amounts so collected shall be reported to the Annual Conference through the preachers in charge, in order that they may be entered among the benevolent collections and published in the Annual and General Minutes.

SEC. 3. The Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church may act as the Trustee of the Woman's Home Missionary Society in all matters of legacies, and in holding for it real estate or other trusts, as the Woman's Home Missionary Society may desire.

SEC. 4. The Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, which determines its work for the year, shall be so arranged that its plans may be submitted to the authorities of the Missionary Society for approval, at their Annual Meeting in November.

ARTICLE VIII.

This Constitution may be changed by the General Conference. Amendments to the Constitution may be proposed at any Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers by a two-thirds vote of the members present, a three-months' notice of the proposed change having been sent to each Conference organization, and published in the Church papers.

BY-LAWS OF THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

I.

ANNUAL MEETING.

1. The Chairman and the Corresponding and Recording Secretaries of the General Executive Board shall fix the time and place of the Annual Meeting, unless this has been done at a previous Annual Meeting.

2. A committee of five, appointed by the Executive Board, shall prepare a program of exercises and an order of business for the Annual Meeting. They shall see that the time and place of meeting are announced in all the Church papers.

3. All Officers of the Society shall be nominated by informal ballot, and elected in open session.

4. The Committee on Finance and Mission Fields shall consist of the President of the Society, the Chairman of the General Executive Board, the Corresponding Secretary, the Recording Secretary, the Treasurer, the Secretaries of Bureaus, together with the Conference Secretaries present at any Annual Meeting, and five other persons chosen by the Annual Meeting.

II.

BUREAUS.

1. Our mission-fields and departments of work shall be placed in charge of Bureaus, each consisting of a Secretary and Assistants.

2. Each Bureau shall have the entire responsibility, in its own field, of executing all the plans and applying all the funds as ordered by the General Board of Managers, and supervised by the General Executive Board.

3. Each mission shall be placed under the special supervision of a committee of ladies nominated by the Conference Society or Societies most immediately interested* in the mission, and elected by the General Executive Board. These committees shall report quarterly or oftener to the Secretary of the Bureau, giving a detailed statement of the condition and needs of the work in their charge.

4. Each Bureau, except Supplies and Local Missionary Work, shall consist of its Secretary and the Committees in charge of the work within its bounds.

5. The duty of the Secretary of the Bureau shall be to co-operate with these committees in the management of the work, secure conformity to the rules approved by the General Board of Managers for mission work, and give a detailed report quarterly or oftener to the General Executive Board.

6. The Bureaus shall be (1) East Southern States; (2) East Central States; (3) West Central States; (4) West Southern States; (5) Texas; (6) New Mexico and Arizona (Spanish); (7) New Mexico and Arizona (Indian); (8) Mormons; (9) Indians; (10) Alaska; (11) Mission Supplies; (12) Local Missionary Work; (13) Young People's Work; (14) Home Missionary Reading Circle and Lectures; (15) Immigrants; (16) Deaconess Work.

7. The Bureau for the East Southern States shall consist of its Secretary, and two or more ladies from each of these States, Georgia and Florida.

8. The Bureau for the East Central States shall consist of its Secretary

*The Conference or Conferences assuming the financial responsibility.

and two or more ladies for each of the following States: North Carolina and South Carolina.

9. The Bureau for the West Central States shall consist of its Secretary and two or more ladies for each of the following States: Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama.

10. The Bureau for the West Southern States shall consist of its Secretary and two or more ladies for each of the following States: Mississippi, Louisiana, and Arkansas.

11. The Bureau for Texas, New Mexico and Arizona (Spanish), New Mexico and Arizona (Indian), the Mormons, the Indians, and Alaska shall each consist of its Secretary and three or more ladies.

12. The Bureau for Mission Supplies shall consist of its Secretary and such assistants as she shall from time to time deem necessary, and the Conference Corresponding Secretaries.

13. The Bureau for Immigrants shall consist of a Secretary, and two or more ladies from each city in which our Missions are established. The work of this Bureau shall be the establishment and care of Homes and Industrial Schools for Immigrant women and girls, and also the care of the Italian Work in New York City.

14. The Bureau for the Home Missionary Reading Circle and Lectures shall be composed of a Secretary and two or more ladies, and a Co-operative Committee consisting of the Conference Corresponding Secretaries.

15. The Bureau for Deaconess Work shall consist of a Secretary, and ladies from each locality where a Deaconess Home may be established.*

16. The Bureau for Local Missionary Work shall consist of a Secretary and such assistants as she shall from time to time deem necessary.

17. The work of this Bureau shall comprise the supervision of mission work in our large cities and towns, as inaugurated or carried forward by our auxiliaries in harmony with the local Church authorities, pastors and official Boards; the support of Industrial Schools, for instruction in religion, morals, temperance, and the elementary industries; and the employment of Bible-readers for general missionary work among the neglected women and children.

18. Local missionary work for which credit for money expended is given, shall be entered upon only with the approval of the General Executive Board, after a formal application for permission to undertake such work through the Secretary of the Bureau of Local Missionary Work.

19. All persons employed as missionaries in these fields shall be subject to all the rules relating to testimonials as to fitness, and to furnishing reports of work, that are applicable to missionaries in our other fields.

20. The Funds used for the support of this city work shall be raised for that special purpose, and by such methods as shall not diminish the amount that would otherwise be contributed to the general treasury.

21. Churches and individuals furnishing supplies to meet the needs of organized Local Missionary Work may be credited for the same through the authorized channels in the Bureau of Supplies.

22. It shall be the duty of the Bureau of Young People's Work to awaken and sustain interest in Young Ladies' and in Juvenile Societies.

23. All Secretaries of Bureaus shall be nominated by the General Executive Board, and confirmed by the Board of Managers.

24. The Secretaries of the Bureaus of Supplies, of Local Missionary Work, of Young People's Work, of Home Missionary Reading Circle, of Immigrants, and of Deaconess Work, may nominate the members of their Bureaus, who shall be elected by the General Executive Board.

III.

FINANCE.

1. The fiscal year of the Woman's Home Missionary Society shall end the 15th of July.

* The work shall be conducted according to the provisions of the Methodist Discipline, ¶ 207-212, page 126.

2. Auxiliary Societies.—The Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer shall send their quarterly reports, as specified in By-laws for Auxiliaries 4 and 5, September 15th, December 15th, March 15th, and June 15th.

3. Conference Societies.—The Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer shall send their quarterly reports as prescribed in the Constitution, Article IV, Sections 3 and 4, October 15th, January 15th, April 15th, and July 15th.

4. General Executive Board.—The Corresponding Secretary shall furnish the reports specified in the Constitution, Article III, Section 8, as soon as possible after the 15th of October, January, April, and July.

5. All moneys raised for the Society must be sent by the Auxiliaries to the Conference Treasurer, and thence forwarded to the General Treasurer, and whenever held by either of these officers, shall be deposited in a Banking institution in the name of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. Money to be expended for missionary supplies for frontier or Southern work must in all cases be raised as a special fund for this work.

6. Moneys shall not be collected by the employes of the Society for any special purpose, unless such collection is authorized by the Board, and the purpose approved; and moneys so collected shall be paid into the General Treasury, and be regularly appropriated therefrom.

7. All missionaries, superintendents of Industrial Schools, and teachers in the employ of the Society shall present to the Board through the Secretaries of their respective Bureaus (not later than September 10th of each year) carefully prepared estimates for their work for the coming year.

8. Each Conference Corresponding Secretary is requested to come to the meeting of the General Board of Managers prepared to say what work her Conference will support for the coming year.

9. With a view to protect this Society against any embarrassments that might possibly grow out of unauthorized engagements or pledges in respect to the funds or the operations of the Society, it is hereby ordered:

(1.) That no officer of the Society, no Auxiliary or Conference Society shall contract for the purchase of property, or undertake any special work (other than local work within its own territory) without the approval of the General Executive Board of this Society, expressed in writing and duly certified by the signatures of the Chairman and the Recording Secretary of said Board.

(2.) That if the special work proposed to be undertaken shall be the erection of a building or buildings, whether for religious, benevolent, or educational purposes, the erection of the same shall not be begun nor contracted for until the money that will be required for the completion thereof shall have been paid into the General Treasury of this Society or fully provided for, nor until the erection of the said building or buildings, and all the plans and contracts relating to the same, shall have been approved by the General Executive Board of this Society in the manner specified in the foregoing paragraph.

IV.

BUILDINGS AND CARE OF HOMES AND SCHOOLS.

1. The erection of all buildings for Home and school work shall be under the care of a special committee appointed by the Bureau having charge of the work. This committee shall determine the site, select the plan, let the contract, supervise the erection, and accept the work, subject to the approval of the General Executive Board through the Secretary of the Bureau.

2. The furnishing of Industrial Homes and schools shall be plain, simple, and economical, and as carefully adapted to circumstances as possible. The purchases shall be made under the direction of the Bureau in charge, and the property shall belong to the Society. It shall be carefully marked, and at the end of each year an inventory of property, and a statement of its condition, shall be furnished to the Board by the Superintendent of the Home.

3. Each Industrial Home shall be under the care of a Superintendent, who, together with the teachers of the school, shall be elected, employed, and paid by the General Executive Board.

4. All the employees of the Board shall make, directly, or through their superintendents, as they shall be instructed, monthly reports of their work, as per blank provided, sending one copy to the Corresponding Secretary and another to the Secretary of the Bureau in charge of the field.

5. Since the conversion and spiritual growth of those for whom we labor is the object of all effort, our instructors are required to work diligently and methodically to that end, through family worship, school instruction, personal appeal, and social means of grace, endeavoring at all times to develop sound and strong character.

6. Pupils of all ages may be admitted to our Industrial Schools. It shall be the aim in these schools to provide: (1.) Such social and moral training as shall tend to make good neighbors and good citizens; (2.) When necessary, the rudiments of education—reading, writing, and keeping simple accounts; (3.) Such domestic instruction as shall fit girls to care for a house, and prepare plain meals properly and economically; (4.) Instruction in dress-making and cutting, making and mending the plain garments of ordinary wearing apparel; (5.) Tuition in nursing—the care of the sick; (6.) Kindergarten and kitchen-garden training; (7.) Instruction in the cultivation of vegetables, fruits, and flowers.

7. It shall be our aim to provide a library for each Industrial Home and school, to which pupils may have daily access.

V.

MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE.

1. There shall be a committee of three appointed by the General Executive Board to publish letters from missionaries, circulars relating to the various Bureaus, and kindred matter that will help auxiliaries sustain their interest in our work; and to send such information out upon application, for use in Conference, District, and Auxiliary meetings.

2. The Recording Secretary shall give to the public, through the Church papers, a condensed report of such proceedings of each meeting of the General Executive Board as will be of interest to our workers or to the general public.

VI.

MISSIONARY CANDIDATES.

I. Persons who offer themselves for employment by the Society must give satisfactory answers to the following questions:

1. Do you feel that you are moved by the love of souls and the providence of God to take upon you the work of a Home Missionary?

2. Have you an experimental knowledge of salvation through the atonement of Jesus Christ, our Lord?

3. Do you believe in the doctrines of the Methodist Episcopal Church as set forth in Part I, Chapter I, of the Discipline?

4. When and where were you born?

5. What are your domestic relations and obligations?

6. Have you a thorough English education?

7. In what schools have you taught and how long?

8. Have you knowledge of music, either vocal or instrumental?

9. Can you cut and fit dresses and teach sewing and millinery?

10. Are you able to give instructions in housekeeping, including cooking?

11. Have you had experience in the care of the sick?

II. The candidates must furnish satisfactory testimonials to the following facts: (1) Membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church; (2) Christian zeal for the salvation of souls; (3) Good health; (4) Educational fitness; (5) Ability to give instruction in the common domestic industries; (6) Aptness to teach.

2. Each candidate is requested to write a letter giving a brief sketch of her life and her call to the work, which, with her photograph, is to be sent with her testimonials.

3. The testimonials of a missionary candidate shall be considered and passed by her Conference Board before they are brought to the Committee on Missionary Candidates.

4. When a candidate has been accepted by the General Executive Board, she may be appointed on nomination of a Bureau to a mission field.

5. New missionaries may be appointed by the General Executive Board upon the recommendation of the respective Bureaus at any time during the year.

6. The General Executive Board shall set apart the last Saturday in May for a special examination into the work of the missionaries during the year, and appointments for the coming year shall then be made.

7. A missionary shall receive her traveling expenses from her home to her field of labor; also, her return expenses when she is recalled by the General Executive Board, and her salary from the time of arrival in her field. This salary shall be paid monthly, not to exceed \$40 per month. She shall also be allowed an amount not exceeding five dollars for postage.

VII.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

1. Young persons over sixteen years of age may be organized into Mission Circles under the general rules governing Ladies' Auxiliaries, with a membership fee of not less than fifty cents per annum. They may be under the supervision and direction of some adult lady, and are recommended to choose some special name.

2. Young persons under sixteen may be organized into Juvenile Bands under the Constitution already provided.

3. Children under six years of age may be enrolled as Mother's Jewels on the payment of ten cents.

VIII.

AMENDMENTS.

These By-laws may be amended or suspended at any Annual Meeting of the Society; due notice of changes proposed must be given during the first three days of such meeting.

BY-LAWS OF THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE BOARD.

[NOTE.—Under the laws of incorporation of the State of Ohio, a majority of the members of the body incorporated constitutes a quorum. Therefore eleven is the legal quorum of the Executive Board of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.]

1. The meetings of the Executive Board shall be held the last Friday of each month. Special meetings may be called by the President and Recording Secretary, due notice being given.

2. A quarterly meeting shall be held the last Saturday in January, April, and September, at such places as the Board shall designate. Written reports shall be presented by the Corresponding Secretary, the Treasurer, the Secretaries of the Bureaus, and the Chairmen of the Standing Committees.

3. The Recording Secretary shall notify each member of the time and place of all meetings, regular and special.

4. The Executive Board shall organize by the election of a Chairman

and the requisite Standing Committees at its first meeting next succeeding the Annual Meeting.

5. The Executive Board shall appoint a Business Committee of seven, to consist of the President, Corresponding Sec'y, Recording Sec'y, Treasurer, and three other members of the Board, with power to transact business for the Board in the intervals of the monthly meetings. This committee shall report all its action at the regular meeting next succeeding such action.

6. Corresponding Secretaries of Conference Societies, in attendance upon any meeting of the Executive Board, shall be entitled to a seat and a vote.

7. The Order of Business and Rules of Debate shall be as follows: (1.) Singing, reading of Scriptures, prayer; (2.) Reading of minutes of last meeting; (3.) Reports of Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Secretaries of the Bureaus, Standing Committees; (4.) Reports of Special Committees; (5.) Unfinished business; (6.) Resolutions for discussion shall be presented in writing; (7.) Ladies speaking shall rise and address the chair.

8. There shall be the following Standing Committees: (1) Business; (2) Beneficiaries; (3) Missionary Candidates; (4) Annual Meeting; (5) Publication; (6) Leaflets; (7) "Woman's Home Missions"; (8) Transportation; (9) Mite Boxes.

9. These By-laws may be amended by a majority vote at any regular meeting of the General Executive Board, notice of the desired change having been given at the preceding meeting. They may be suspended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

BY-LAWS FOR CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

1. THE President and Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Societies shall call meetings of the Executive Board when the exigencies of the work demand it, and shall also determine the date and place of the Annual Meeting, and arrange for anniversary exercises, unless these items have been provided for by previous action at the Annual Meeting.

2. The program for the Annual Meeting of the Conference Society shall include reports from the Recording and the Corresponding Secretaries, the Treasurer, and the District Secretaries; the election of officers, of standing committees, and of a delegate and alternate to the Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers.

3. Order of Business: (1.) Devotional exercises; (2.) Introduction of delegates; (3.) Appointment of committees; (4.) Reading of minutes of last meeting; (5.) Report of Treasurer; (6.) Report of Corresponding Secretary; (7.) Report of District officers; (8.) Reports of committees; (9.) Unfinished and miscellaneous business; (10.) Election of officers.

4. Each District Secretary shall present a list of the full names of her delegation to the Recording Secretary.

5. The Standing Committees shall be appointed as follows: (1.) Annual Meeting; (2.) By-laws; (3.) Woman's Home Missions.

6. The Committee on Anniversary shall consist of the President, the Corresponding Secretary, and the Secretary of the District in which the meeting is to be held.

7. The Committee on Nominations shall consist of one lady from each District, chosen by the delegates from her District. Vacancies occurring in the Conference Board *ad interim* may be filled by the Executive Board of the Conference.

8. Every Auxiliary Society in the Conference shall be entitled to a delegate; these delegates, with the Executive Board, shall constitute the Annual Meeting.

9. The duty of each District President shall be to have general supervision of the work in her District. She shall confer and co-operate with the Secretary in organizing and visiting the work; preside at the District

meetings, and endeavor to secure the favor and aid of the presiding elder and pastors. She shall report her work to the Secretary of the District.

10. The duty of the District Secretary shall be to co-operate with the President in the organization of Auxiliaries, Circles and Bands; to correspond with and visit them, to arrange for public meetings, to send out blanks and receive reports, and to forward a report by the 1st of October, January, April, and July to the Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society, and to secure a report from Auxiliary Corresponding Secretaries for Conference and District Annual Meetings.

11. There shall be a Supply Secretary, a Mite-box Secretary, a Secretary of Local Work, and a Secretary (or a Committee) of Young People's Work, each to report as directed by the Conference Executive Board.

12. The Executive Board shall meet in ——— on the — of each month, if practicable.

13. No membership dues or moneys obtained for missionary purposes may be used for local needs.

14. Auxiliaries shall have credit in the General Reports only for moneys sent to the General Treasurer.

15. There shall be a contingent fund for local expenses, to which each Auxiliary shall contribute to the amount of at least ten cents a member for each year, one-half to be used in Conference expenses and the other half in those of the District and Auxiliary.

16. As soon as practicable each District shall be organized into an Association under the Constitution adopted by the General Executive Board.

17. The District Association or the President and Secretary of each District shall be a Committee to arrange for a presentation of our work at camp-meetings held on the District. In case of their failure to do so, that duty shall devolve upon the Conference Executive Board.

18. Any Conference that has held one or more Annual Meetings, and has its duly elected Conference and District officers, may determine its own methods of organizing auxiliaries, and the amount of remuneration of its organizers, provided that all its plans shall be in harmony with the Constitution.

19. Organizers may draw upon the General Treasury for their traveling expenses, and one dollar for each day of actual service, when the Conference Contingent Fund is insufficient to meet the expense.

20. Their accounts shall be audited each month by the General Executive Board, except when the Conference Contingent Fund pays the expense. In that case the Conference Society shall audit those bills.

21. Organizers shall be recommended by their Conference Boards to the General Executive Board for appointment.

22. The Conference Societies shall be held responsible for the direction and control of their respective organizers.

23. The Conference Treasurer shall close her account with the auxiliaries the — of —, after which all the moneys received shall be placed in the next year's account.

24. These By-laws may be suspended by a majority vote of the Conference Executive Board at any regular meeting, and amended by a two-thirds vote of an Annual Meeting, notice of the desired amendment having been given a month previous, and the change being in harmony with the Constitution of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

CONSTITUTION FOR DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be known as the ——— District Association of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

ART. 2. It shall be the object of this Association to secure an Auxiliary in each charge on the District if possible, and to sustain interest in those already organized.

ART. 3. Every person who is a member of the Woman's Home Missionary Society on the _____ District shall be a member of the Association.

ART. 4. The officers of this Association shall be a President (the District Vice-President chosen by the Conference Society, when the District Association is not organized); a Vice-President from every Auxiliary on the District, who shall be the President of the Auxiliary, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary (the District Manager chosen by the Conference Society), and a Treasurer. They shall be elected by ballot upon nomination by a Committee.

ART. 5. The duties shall be such as usually devolve upon such officers, with the addition to those of the Corresponding Secretary, that she shall secure a report from each Auxiliary Corresponding Secretary on the 15th of December, of March, of June, and of September, and send a report to the Conference Corresponding Secretary by the 1st of January, April, July, and October. The Treasurer shall hold only the contingent fund of the District, which she shall disburse upon the order of the President and Corresponding Secretary.

ART. 6. There shall be an annual meeting for the election of officers and the transaction of such other business as may be of interest to the Association.

ART. 7. The Standing Committees shall be upon Mite-boxes, *Woman's Home Missions*, and Program.

ART. 8. This Constitution may be amended only by the General Executive Board of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

CONSTITUTION FOR AUXILIARIES.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be called the Woman's Home Missionary Society of _____, Auxiliary to the _____ Conference Society of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

ART. 2. The object of this Society shall be to aid in interesting Christian women in the elevation and evangelization of needy and destitute women and children in our own land, and in raising funds for this work.

ART. 3. Any person paying a regular subscription of two cents per week, or one dollar per year, may become a member of this Society, and any person contributing five dollars per quarter for one year, or twenty dollars at one time, shall be constituted a life member.

ART. 4. The officers of this Society shall be a President, three or more Vice-presidents, a Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and Librarian, who together shall constitute an Executive Committee to administer the affairs of the Society.

ART. 5. Meetings of the Society for business and communication of intelligence shall be held _____ of each month. The Anniversary Meeting shall be on the _____ day of _____, when the Annual Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer shall be read, and the officers for the ensuing year elected.

ART. 6. This Constitution and the accompanying By-laws may be changed or amended at any regular meeting of the Society, by a two-thirds vote of the members present—notice of such intention having been given at a previous meeting.

BY-LAWS FOR AUXILIARIES.

1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Society, and to supervise its general interests.

2. It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to perform the duty of the President in the absence of that officer, and to aid in devising means for the efficiency of the Society.

3. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of the Society, and provide the pastor with notices of meetings.

4. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the Society, to send reports quarterly of the condition and work of the Auxiliary to the District Secretary when the District Association is organized; otherwise to the Conference Secretary, and in the absence of such an officer to the Corresponding Secretary of the General Society in Cincinnati.

5. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect the dues of members, hold in trust the funds of the Society, keeping a book account, and to send the same quarterly to the Conference Treasurer, and in the absence of such an officer, to the Treasurer of the General Society in Cincinnati.

6. It shall be the duty of the Librarian to provide and care for one or more sets of books in the Home Missionary Reading Circle. Five cents shall be charged for the use of any book returned within a month, five cents a week for all time additional, and the full price shall be paid for all books out over three months. These rentals shall constitute a permanent library fund. The Librarian shall keep a file of Woman's Home Missions and Annual Reports for reference, take and forward orders for the same, drawing upon the library fund for necessary postage, and for the purchase of new books. She shall keep a careful record, and report regularly to the auxiliary.

7. ORDER OF EXERCISES FOR MONTHLY MEETING:

(1.) Devotional Exercises.	(5.) Report of Corresponding Secretary.
(2.) Reading and approval of Minutes	(6.) Unfinished business.
(3.) Reports from members of work done.	(7.) Miscellaneous business.
(4.) Report of Treasurer, in writing.	(8.) Adjournment.

8. Once each quarter, if practicable, a public meeting shall be held, in which reports shall be read, addresses given, and every effort made to increase the general missionary intelligence and zeal in the special work of this Society.

9. There shall be a Standing Committee of three to provide literary exercises of a missionary character for the monthly and quarterly meetings.

10. Each lady connected with this Society shall try to induce others to become members, and shall do what she can to add to the general interest, remembering in prayer each day the Society, its workers, schools, orphans, and missionaries.

CONSTITUTION FOR MISSION CIRCLES.

ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be called the Home Mission Circle of —— Methodist Episcopal Church.

ART. 2. The object of this Society shall be to interest the young people of the Church in Missionary work among the ignorant and degraded in our own country.

ART. 3. Any young person over sixteen years of age, paying one cent a week, or fifty cents a year, may become a member of this Circle, and any person paying two cents a week, or one dollar a year, may become an Honorary member of the Circle.

ART. 4. The officers of this Society shall be a President, three or more Vice-presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, and a Treasurer, who, together with an adult Lady Manager chosen by the Circle, shall constitute an Executive Committee to plan the work of the Society.

ART. 5. Meetings of the Circle shall be held —— of each month. The Annual Meeting shall be on —— day of ——, when Annual reports shall be read and officers elected for the coming year.

ART. 6. This Constitution and the By-laws accompanying, can only be changed or amended at a regular meeting of the Society by a two-thirds vote of the members present, one month's notice of such intention having been given.

BY-LAWS FOR CIRCLES.

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Circle, and in every way seek to promote its interests.

2. The Vice-president shall take the place of the President in her absence, and seek to assist her in every way.

3. The Recording Secretary shall keep a true record of the proceedings of the Circle, and provide the pastor with notices of meetings.

4. The Corresponding Secretary shall carry on the correspondence of the Circle, solicit subscriptions to our paper, and send reports once a quarter to the Conference Secretary of the work of the Circle.

5. The Treasurer shall collect membership dues, keep a book account, and send funds once a quarter to the Conference Treasurer.

6. The Circle may choose the special Missionary work to which its funds shall be applied, under the advice and direction of the Executive Board of the Conference Society.

7. There shall be two standing Committees, Literary and Musical; one to furnish a Missionary program, and the other to provide music for the meetings.

8. Mission Circles may give literary and musical entertainments in public, at which full reports of the work of the Circle may be made, that the sympathy and interest of the Church may be awakened and kept alive.

9. Each member of the Circle shall try to induce others to join, and shall do all in her power to make the meetings contribute to mental and spiritual growth.

10. Suggestive Order of Exercises for Monthly meeting: (1.) Devotional Exercises. (2.) Reading of Minutes. (3.) Report of Treasurer. (4.) Report of Corresponding Secretary. (5.) Discussion of plans of work. (6.) Program. (7.) Adjournment.

CONSTITUTION FOR JUVENILE SOCIETIES.

ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be called the —— Mission Band of —— Methodist Episcopal Church.

ART. 2. The object of this Society is to interest the children and youth of the Church in missionary work in our own land, and to secure their help in carrying it forward.

ART. 3. This Society, by virtue of its voluntary obligations to render material help in various departments of the work, shall be recognized as a lawful adjunct to the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and shall make reports thereto.

ART. 4. The officers of this Society shall be an adult lady Director, whose duty shall be to take charge of and direct the Society, a President, four or more Vice-presidents, a Recording and a Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer, whose duties shall be those usual to such offices.

ART. 5.—SEC. 1. Any child or young person, with consent of parents or guardian, may become a member of this Society by paying yearly twenty-five cents as membership fee.

SEC. 2. This Society may hold entertainments or use any methods for securing funds that are in harmony with Christian usages and the rules of our Church.

SEC. 3. This Society may choose either to support a beneficiary, furnish Sunday-School supplies, or to assist in any department it may desire; but the location of the work chosen must be decided by the Executive Board of the Conference Society or of the General Society.

SEC. 4. This Society can only have connection with the Woman's Home Missionary Society by contributing directly to its work in the field, and may only have credit in the reports of the General Society for money paid into the General Treasury.

SEC. 5. The Annual Meeting of this Society for the election of officers shall be held on ____.

SEC. 6. This Constitution can only be altered or amended by the Executive Board of the General Society which framed it. Petitions for change may be made in writing, stating reasons for such request, and bearing the signature of all the officers of the Society.

BY-LAWS FOR JUVENILE SOCIETIES.

1. THE meetings of this Society shall be held on ____ of every ____.

2. A Committee on Music, consisting of three or five members (at least one adult), shall be appointed for one month or more, whose duty it shall be to provide suitable music for the meetings.

3. The Society shall be divided into bands of ten (more or less, as seems advisable), according to ages, each of which shall be supervised by one of the Vice-presidents, who shall keep a record of names, ages, conduct, money paid, and report the same at each meeting.

4. The Vice-presidents shall each in turn be responsible for the entertainment of the meeting, by securing speeches, dialogues, quartets, etc., from their bands, and by obtaining the aid of adults as needed. And, together with the Director and the Committee on Music, they shall prepare a program before each meeting for the use of the President.

5. ORDER OF EXERCISE FOR REGULAR MEETING:

(1.) Devotional Exercises.	(5.) Report of Bands.
(2.) Reading and approval of Minutes.	(6.) Unfinished and Miscellaneous Business.
(3.) Report of Treasurer.	(7.) Program.
(4.) Report of Corresponding Secretary.	(8.) Adjournment.

FORM OF BEQUEST AND DEVISE.

BEQUEST—(*Personal Estate*)—I give and bequeath to the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, a corporation under the laws of the State of Ohio, the sum of..... and the receipt of the Treasurer shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors for the same.

DEVISE—(*Real Estate*)—I give and devise to the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, a corporation under the laws of the State of Ohio, the following lands and premises, that is to say:....., to have and to hold or dispose of the same, with the appurtenances, to the said Society, its successors, and assigns forever.

NOTE.—Notice should be given promptly to the Corresponding Secretary of the Society of all Bequests and Devises.

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